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# SHOCK CLANGER OVER AROK

## MAMMOTH DEAL FOR APIA

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

APIA-LEICHHARDT is about to break the news of a massive sponsorship deal that will rock the National Soccer League fraternity.

At a special launch, tentatively set down for Friday at the APIA club, full details are expected to be unveiled to the press.

Mr Joe Prestia, APIA's "Godfather", was tight lipped last night about the forthcoming arrangements. But he did disclose that a world-wide computer company was behind it all.

The company, it is understood, is more than willing to toss up to \$250,000 in cash and kind in APIA's direction for a two year deal.

But Mr Prestia said last night: "It is a fabulous offer, but for the moment we are only concerned about 1987 and what we can do this year."

"I would like the support for a one year proposition and then we'll see about 1988."

"We have bought very well during the off season. I have great hopes for our coach, Rale Rasic, and this year could be ours."

"I just want to wait and see what we can achieve."

Mr Prestia, a powerful Sydney businessman in the City's fruitmarkets, is a quiet achiever.

His committeemen can vouch for this. APIA has already secured the guest services of Italian World Cup ace midfielder Graziani, who will be in Australia in two months.

"His English is so bad that he has communication problems."

BY KEITH GILMOUR

NATIONAL Coaching Director Eric Worthington fired a television broadside in the direction of National coach Frank Arok on Sunday.

The occasion was the Darryl Eastlake segment on Sport Sunday on the Nine Network concerning the Australian Institute of Sport's contentious appointment of Ron Smith as replacement for Jim Shoulder.

Said Eric, all wide-eyed and bushy tailed: "His English is so bad that he has communication problems."

Well, having spoken to Arok uncountable hundreds of time, I can do no more than stand back in amazement.

At times, of course, Frank has his own phraseology. "I do (not) think so that..." is an example.

But that is nothing against his general fluency in the English tongue.

But, at the drop of even a pin Frank can launch into such a cascade of concise thoughts and ideas in the English tongue that it makes the journalist wonder when the flow will dry up.

Right now "I do not think so that I should say" that if Frank Arok was as good a coach as he is a communicator then he would rank ahead of Giovanni Trapattoni, Bobby Robson, Terry Venables, Carlos Bilardo and the rest.

However — now I've said it!

On the session former Australian captain Johnny Warren talked of schoolteaching types and

"the Pommy mafia."

Eric Worthington commented: "I think that it (Pommy mafia) is an unfortunate term. In no way can you liken it (the



ERIC WORTHINGTON

coaching service) to a mafia."

### Approaches

Warren himself said that four different sources had approached him to ap-

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FRANK AROK... communication problem?

## LIONS WANT SHARE IN PRE-SEASON BOOTY

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE Lions want a crack at Ansett Challenge Shield winners Melbourne Croatia after claiming their third Queensland XXXX pre-season tournament in five years last week.

Lions beat Redlands 2-0 in the final to maintain their unbeaten pre-season record and believe they should have been included in the format which pitted the Buffalo cup winners against NSW's State Bank Cup winners, Sydney Croatia.

"If we are going to have interstate competition between pre-season tournament winners then I can see no reason why Queensland should not be included," Lions president Mr John Morcus said.

"The XXXX pre-season tournament has been running for five years and probably has more credibility and standing than any of the other interstate pre-season tournaments."

"As winners I think we deserve a chance to play in this National pre-season champions competition."

Lions have made the final every year and atoned for last year's penalty kicks loss to Brisbane City by comfortably beating Redlands in rain-swept conditions this time.

Although the two teams were scoreless at half-time, Lions did their usual trick of stepping up the pace in the second half to score goals through Dave Richardson and Brett Druery.

Richardson finished a fine team effort while Druery's was a spectacular header of a Richard Bassingthwaite cross.

Druery, who scored nine goals in nine pre-season games, was named player of the series.

Redlands were best served by their player-coach Steve Perry, goalkeeper Robert Harrison and big striker Barry Kelso. Kelso had a running battle throughout with his former Brisbane City team-mate Frank Liddell, who finished the match requiring two stitches in a facial cut.





**T**HE National Soccer League has dovetailed the Beach Fashions Cup series well into its fixture list.

The opening match will be played on Wednesday April 8 and the series runs through each Wednesday night until the final date on June 3.

This series is also tailored to meet the requirements of SBS-TV, which will provide a cover of the fixtures.

Then comes the rub, as far as fans in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide are concerned.

The West End League closes its shutters for three weeks from Sunday May 31, whilst the National team assembles to play Everton at Olympic Park Melbourne, followed by the trip to the President's Cup in Seoul.

It is good to see the national team getting the experience needed to cut a smart figure in the Olympic Games qualifying games, to follow later in the year.

But where do the grassroots followers of the game go at this stage to get their Soccer entertainment?

Perhaps the unattached supporter will enjoy some of the State League fare, but unfortunately too many are inclined to follow just the one club.

It is up to the State League clubs to plan to snare extra spectators by putting on a top showing at this important time of the football year.

The pity of it, in Soccer, is that at the height of the club season, everything has to go to sleep.

It is a burden that no sport can successfully carry.

Compare the position with competitor sports. Australian rules has no such problem, although sometimes they might wish that they had.

With the game confined to Australia, there is no international play except for the occasional uncompetitive trip overseas.

But they gain from having all eyes focussed on the major club competition.

Rugby League allows very little dislocation of its season.

France has gone down the gurgler and tours to there and the north of England are conducted outside the Australian season.

The main point however is that very little disruption is allowed to club fixtures.

In Soccer the whole show ceases if a club has a couple of players in a national team.

It seems that no-one has ever bothered to check on the spectator losses involved in such a "system".

Rugby Union interests rarely stop their competitions, but admittedly they overdo the representative games and have little at stake in continuing with their competitions.

Probably Soccer will never be mature enough to face up to this question of continuity of play. Too many small vested interests are involved and an overview is hard to take.

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As a second topic, it has been very interesting to note some of the crowd figures from Melbourne and Sydney quoted for games during the pre-season period.

In one case the television cover gave lie to the figure quoted — as far as can reasonably be ascertained by a factor of two to one.

In another, the quoted crowd in all probability could not be accommodated in the arena.

If it was correct then packed crowds quoted in the past at half the figure must have been vastly understated — and no doubt they were not.

Last year, when a crowd factor was contained in the formula to determine which clubs made the 14 team league, there was usually a fair degree of accuracy in the announced figures.

Great things are anticipated for the 14 team competition. Correct crowds announcements will be expected to ensure that the good name of the West End NSL and the clubs is not sullied in this respect.

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## comparisons, past and present . . . REFLECTIONS ON TWO TOP GAMES

SYDNEY Olympic v Marconi on the Friday and Sydney Croatia against Melbourne Croatia on the Sunday was a rare treat for me last weekend.

Both games were at St George Stadium, though I watched the Sunday game on television.

Since 1977, when I coached West Adelaide in the inaugural National League, my coaching has been confined to the NSW State League and I have had limited opportunity to see National League teams in action.

Watching Marconi and Olympic on the Friday night and the two Croatias on television, I tried to gauge whether the standard had diminished or improved since 1977.

In the Friday game, both teams were under strength so it was not a fair comparison. In the Ansett Cup final there was a true comparison.

Olympic's team was full of young players of Greek heritage. Strong, fast with reasonable skill, Olympic is getting the benefit of the masses of young Austro-Greek players now playing junior Soccer in Sydney.

In my own under 14 team at St George this year, two thirds of the team are of Greek parents who live in or adjacent to the St George area.

I wonder if we are

I am sure he was much more comfortable operating in the long passing game used by Sydney City.

To play well in tight situations you need close dribbling techniques such as screening and quick sleight of foot. Some of these Frank is developing.

However to function well as a striker in tight situations you also need strength, physical competitiveness and courage.

Now Frank has all of these in some measure.

He will need to draw upon them in greater amounts if the pattern of Marconi games continues to be the same as this one.

Marconi played good Soccer, at times.

But they seemed soft.

Additionally the back four, admittedly without Gerry Gomez, was very poor on the right.

The Marconi player who did impress me was Steve Maxwell.

A young, very well built lad, he has class.

One qualification I

may have a selection problem there.

### Cynism

In the Ansett Cup Final, Melbourne Croatia were ugly and cynical and they won.

They, as a team, were the opposite to Manis Lamond, the Sydney Croatia player.

Melbourne were physical, competitive and got a result.

Manis was pretty to watch, but ineffective.

A team or a player is judged not on their style, but on their effectiveness.

Manis beat one, sometimes two players, often in midfield or out wide, and sometimes close in on goal, but not once did he then produce an effective shot himself, or lay on a goal chance for a team mate.

This has been a failing of his for as long as I have seen him in the Croatia colours.

In this game he had several goal chances himself, none of which looked like being put away.

He finds it hard to com-



ANTHONY FRANKEN . . . tremendous on shots.

training them up for St George or Sydney Olympic.

That might depend, to a certain extent, on how Saints treat them.

Olympic played Marconi without John Kosminz and Peter Raskopoulos amongst others, but Marshall Soper was there.

What a good talent, but so much wasted because of rashness and thoughtlessness.

### Perceptions

Olympic, minus its stars were not impressive, yet because it defended so much better than Marconi, it won the game.

Marconi, at times moved with impressive sweetness with series of one and two touch passing.

However, this did not always suit the style of striker Frank Farina.

Farina is very quick, but he requires room in which to unwind his speed.

He does not play so well in tight situations which often develop with short passing build ups.

have with him, not knowing his goalscoring record, is his finishing. He missed a good chance in this game and I noticed him missing two very easy chances for Marconi in other games on television.

Maxwell is the opposite to Farina in style and physical make up.

They should complement one another.

However, Geoff Gunning was introduced by Marconi in the second half and Maxwell dropped back into his team's four man midfield.

Gunning looked useful also and Roberto Vietri

pete in tight situations, or if he is closely marked.

Allan Simonson of Sweden, and George Best, showed, even at world level, that small strikers can compete to make and score goals.

Manis cannot expect to play up front in modern Soccer the way he is trying too, virtually without a vestige of physical contact.

Towards the end of the game he was frustrating his fellow attackers with his appearances into the penalty box, to snatch chances away from them with snap shots that had no hope of hitting goal.

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### Goes for goal

Zeljko Jurin made such a difference to Sydney Croatia when he came on. He is a direct, capable and effective attacker who knows where the goal is.

Melbourne Croatia put Dave McIntosh on Graham Arnold, who nullified him considerably, although I understand that Arnold did have an injury.

With Manis playing with great deftness of foot, but little effect and the other striker Robbie Slater falling into his bad habit of winding, many runs, the Sydney team had nothing to show for virtual complete midfield dominance over a team that did hardly create one goal chance.

Melbourne will apparently be better in attack with the advent of Ian Wallace and Willie Herd.

Sydney Croatia will need to solve the problem of Manis.

He has not been a regular this year and cannot become so as part of a dual striking combination.

As a winger it might be different, providing crosses for Graham Arnold and Jurin.

The defence looks good with Ray Vlastra and coach Vedran Rasic in front of Tony Franken.

Franken is good on

shots but not so smart crosses.

I believe he punched three crosses he should have caught and tried to catch one cross which he should have punched.

I suppose that is why still waits as a back up the national team goalkeeper rather than being the Number One. Many of the public clamour for.

He is young and has time on his side. So do Manis Lamond.

So, would my West Adelaide team have handled these two Croatian sides?

With international Martyn Crook in goal, strong central defence and John Kosminz in front forming the spine of the team, I feel able to say — yes!

Which indicates have waited too long for the re-establishment of an elite National League.

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## HELLAS LOOKS PART

**SOUTH MELBOURNE** powered its way into the new season with a tear-away 3-0 win over undermanned Sunshine George Cross at Middle Park on Sunday.

The team dominated proceedings and could have almost run up a cricket score had not Charlie Egan wasted some golden opportunities.

Sunshine, obviously weakened since the loss of Tyrone James, had no answer to their opponents, who looked almost like the all-conquering 1984 championship winning team.

The rout started inside eight minutes when George Kalogeris met a Danny Craine free kick with a searing shot that rocked the crossbar.

The massed Hellas support had only to wait

another eight minutes before the Greek giants took the lead.

Craine was once again the instigator as he slipped a perfectly guided far post cross over the head of Sean Keogh and Paul Wade, making his league debut, cracked the ball home with a spectacular header.

In the 41st minute Wade's impressive debut was capped with a second goal when he scored from close range off the legs of hapless George Cross defender Chris Taylor.

A minute later it was Hellas by 3-0 when Danny Wright crashed home a powerful drive from just inside the box which rebounded off Steve Richardson's boys into the net.

**SOUTH MELBOURNE:** Lau, ments, Russell, Postecoglou, MacDowell, Blair, Wade, Craine, Miranda, Egan, Wright, Kalogeris (Stevens 70).

**SUNSHINE:** Keogh, Taylor, Campbell, Parton, Richardson, Faulkner, Guller, Markovski, Blair, Trimboli, Innes (Mittin 63). Referee: J. Reeves. Crowd: 2500.

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Leichhardt	1	1	-	-	3	1	2
Sydney City	1	1	-	-	2	0	2
Brunswick	1	1	-	-	2	1	2
Footscray	1	-	1	-	0	0	1
Preston	1	-	1	-	0	0	1
Marconi	1	-	-	1	1	2	0
St George	1	-	-	1	1	3	0
Olympic	1	-	-	1	0	2	0
H'berg	1	-	-	1	0	3	0
Sunshine	1	-	-	1	0	3	0
Melb Croatia	1	-	-	1	1	6	0

**BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS** 2 (J. Yzendoorn 2) beat **MARCONI** 1 (S. Maxwell). Crowd: 3500.

**SYDNEY CROATIA** 6 (R. Slater 3, G. Arnold, A. Rumora, Z. Odzakovic) beat **MELBOURNE CROATIA** 1 (P. Lewis). Crowd: 7278.

**SOUTH MELBOURNE** 3 (P. Wade 2, A. Postecoglou) beat **SUNSHINE G.C.** 0. Crowd: Abt 3000.

**SYDNEY CITY** 2 (T. McCulloch 2) beat **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** 0. Crowd: 5187.

**APIA-LEICHHARDT** 3 (R. Brown 2, H. Phillips) beat **ST GEORGE** 1 (C. Moffitt). Crowd: 4,200.

**ADELAIDE CITY** 4 (J. Mullen 2, A. Vidmar, C. Villani) beat **HEIDELBERG** 1 (A. Deeley).

**PRESTON** 0 drew with **FOOTSCRAY** 0. Crowd: 3,870.

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Former Soccerroo John Yzendoorn was in great touch for Brunswick Juventus.

ADCITY TV SNUB  
INSPIRES A WIN

By TOM MCKAIN

**AUSTRALIAN** champions Adelaide City not only humbled Heidelberg 4-1 at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday, but also their critics, who had written them off in pre-season predictions for the West End National Soccer League.

And, that includes the almighty SBS TV, who ignored the champions' opening match.

And, when it is considered that the League is sponsored by West End, a South Australian company, SBS added insult to injury.

It seems inconceivable that the champions of a country could be ignored in the opening round of any competition.

However, into the match and it was Heidelberg who took only two minutes to score the first goal through Kiwi international Andy Deeley.

But, two minutes later Adelaide City's Joe Mullen made it 1-1 after

a Charlie Villani shot was parried by Soccerroo goalkeeper Jeff Olver.

In the 22nd minute it was City swarming all over the Victorians when Aurelio Vidmar on the left wing sent over a dipper to beat Olver.

Villani left Heidelberg reeling in the 44th minute when he picked up a ball from fullback Paul Wilde, who is normally a striker, and slipped it under Olver.

The clincher came in the 54th minute from a Mullen header following a corner.

But, it was not all the champions.

Deeley was in again only to see McNally save. Then the 'keeper

blocked another effort from the Kiwi and one from Laurie McKinna.

Victorian referee Chris Bambridge handled the game well but had to book Steve Marley and Jim Tsolakis from Heidelberg along with Wilde from Adelaide City.

Heidelberg coach John Margaritis, who is national coach Frank Arok's Melbourne assistant, said his team had lost on mistakes, but he admitted that current Soccerroo Sergio Melta lived up to his reputation and should retain his place in the senior squad.

**ADELAIDE CITY:** McNally; Wilde, Tobin, Shillabeer, Nyakobou, Villani, Vidmar, Santoro, Melta, Mullen, Vatalis (P Mullen 75th min).

**HEIDELBERG:** Olver; Pappas (Anastasiadis), Hunter, Selemides, Katsakidis, Marley, Deeley, Tsolakis, Kanesoulis (Valentine 68th min), Brown, McKinna.

Referee: Chris Bambridge (Vic). Crowd: 2852.

## WHAT A BORE DRAW

**TWO** send-offs and the appearance of former Soccerroo Oscar Crino at the match were the highlights of Sunday's opening round game between Footscray JUST and Preston Makedonia.

Neither side settled in the wet and slippery conditions and the fans left the windswept Schintler Reserve ground disappointed at the scoreless draw.

Footscray had the better of the opening 45 minutes with deft build-ups and some fine touches.

But they were to no avail so it must have heartened Footscray supporters to see former international Crino at the match.

The brilliant Crino might just have swung the game the Blues' way but it seems the club mightn't have long to wait before the former South Melbourne star lines up with Footscray.

Despite a late bid for his services by Melbourne Croatia, Crino said at Sunday's game that he agreed to terms with Footscray and he is just waiting for the transfer to come through from his last club Anorthosis.

Footscray's excellent first half should have yielded a goal but some abysmal touch in the box saw the fine football go unrewarded.

Vlado Bozinovski, later sent-off, was the catalyst in the Footscray performance with his heavyweight midfield work and a couple of the Blues' close-season signings put in impressive performances.

Tyrone James and Eddie Campbell, signed from Brunswick last week, gave the Blues some much needed defensive backbone but the debut of much-heralded Yugoslav Alex Radivojevic left plenty to be desired.

Preston surprised when they took the field with former Brisbane Lions stopper John Stewart after he apparently settled on terms in a secret deal with the club last week. Stewart

started the game on the bench.

A lacklustre game came alive in the 67th minute when Bozinovski fouled Ron Campbell, far and away Preston's best player on the day and the Footscray midfielder was booked for the second time and sent-off by referee Jim Ross.

This gave Makedonia every chance to go ahead but despite their pressing home the one man advantage around the park they also lacked the necessary punch up front and the game remained deadlocked.

Eight minutes from full-time Preston were also reduced to 10 men when Ian Dobson was booked for the second time and joined Bozinovski in the change-rooms.

**FOOTSCRAY:** Nikolic, James, Karic, Van Egmond, Tapal, Radivojevic (Lazaropoulos 54), Latif (Spink 66), Bozinovski, Lujic, Guovic, Campbell.

**PRESTON:** Trainor, Opaalita, McLennan, Jackson, Dobson, Tacevski, Hloeki, Campbell, Jolevski (Stuart 59), Smith, Gojovic.

Crowd: 3578. Referee: J. Ross.

MARCONI START  
SEASON ON BAD  
NOTE IN MELB

**BIG** spending Marconi's season started on a sour note at Olympic Park on Saturday night when they were beaten 2-1 by a Brunswick Juventus side looking every bit a title contender.

BY ROD BOWLES

Brunswick outplayed Marconi in every department in the first hour and led 2-0 after a pair of John Yzendoorn goals in the 29th and 55th minutes.

Marconi reduced to 10 men after the 66th minute sending off of Gerry Gomez, produced its best football in the final half hour and reduced the deficit 13 minutes from time when Steve Maxwell scored his first NSL goal for the club.

Marconi's \$80,000 plus worth of new signings gave little value for money and it was left to veteran skipper Tony Henderson and stand-in goalkeeper Bob Catlin, to keep the team in contention under enormous pressure.

Big Hendo faced and repelled plenty of Brunswick pressure as the Melbourne team attacked relentlessly in a scintillating display.

Marconi's trump card Zlatko Nastevski was kept on the bench until half-time in an attempt, Henderson explained, to contain Brunswick early.

It was a serious mis-

take, as fledgling Marconi coach Roberto Vieri as good as admitted after the game.

Nastevski replaced Geoff Gunning and Maxwell was pushed forward and the changes gave Marconi a far more impressive look after the interval. For their part Brunswick were magnificent.

Fabio Incantalupo and John Yzendoorn were impassable in defence and the latter capped his display with two opportunistic goals.

The first after a free kick conceded by Gomez which Cullen tapped short and Yzendoorn hammered home a deflected shot past Catlin.

He made it 2-0 in the 55th minute when he tapped home on the far post after a Patterson corner was headed on by Cullen.

**BRUNSWICK:** Merrima, Durakovic, Lewis, Brown, Yzendoorn, Cullen, Incantalupo, Lane, Patterson, Zimi, Orbec.

**MARCONI:** Catlin, Carter (Storrey 80), Wheelley, Henderson, Gomez, Mason, Lowe, Farina, Maxwell, Gunning (Nastevski 46), Carbone.

Crowd: 3285. Referee: D. Campbell.

TREDNS LAYS  
DOWN LAW

**PETER TREDINNICK**, Apia's newly signed midfielder-cum-fullback, laid down the law against St George Budapest in the opening match of the season at the St George Stadium last Friday night.

By JOHN ECONOMOS

Apia won the match 3-1 with the magnificent Tredinnick, a solicitor, setting up all three goals from his new leftback position.

Tredinnick severely prosecuted the Saints with a superb, intelligent all-round display of solid defence plus imaginative attack-play.

Despite the pitch being heavily water-logged, the football was excellent, with St George dominating the first session.

World Cup skipper, Apia's tough centre-back, Charlie Yankos, making his comeback after a severe injury, stood up to the match solidly together with his giant central defending partner, Arno Bertogna.

Apia eventually hit the front in the 51st minute through Rod Brown. Tredinnick raced across the box, pulling goalkeeper Gibson out of his "mouth". In a flash, he spun around, clipped the ball to the back post and Brown crashed his head into an empty net.

Apia was in again in the 65th minute when Tredinnick slung a perfect corner into the box for Brown to again head into the net.

St George eventually hit back in the 75th minute with a consolation goal when Scott Ollernshaw whipped in a cross from the right for midfielder Craig Moffitt to head in off the back-post.

Tredinnick decided he wasn't finished for the night as he scooted away in a 40 metre dash to feed substitute striker, Hilton Phillips. Phillips easily rounded a St George defender and ever-so-calmly placed his 15 metre, bending shot into the far corner of the net.

**ST GEORGE SSC:** Gibson, Green, M.O'Shea, Kuliclar, Owens, Slavski, Moffitt, Ricci, Maccock, Kocika (Fletcher 46th), Ollernshaw.

**APIA:** Pezzano, M.Brown, Yankos, Bertogna, Tredinnick, Bunda, Zaimi, Lorens, Butler (Brady 82nd), Ward (Phillips 68th).

Crowd: 1500. Referee: R. Davies.



## INSPIRATIONAL ROCKY SENDS SYDNEY OLYMPIC REELING

SYDNEY CITY, with a bunch of kids, shocked the Soccer fraternity when they destroyed the star-studded and more experienced Sydney Olympic 2-0 in the opening round of the West End National Soccer League at the St George Stadium.

Man-of-the-match by the proverbial "kilometre" was none other than former Socceroo centre-back, Steve O'Connor, whose huge frame was matched only by the strength, drive, experience and inspiration he injected into the kids playing around him.

Only goalkeeper Clint Gosling, centre backs O'Connor and Alex Robertson, and midfielders Murray Barnes and Tommy McCulloch have NSL-seasoned experience. The youngsters, fullbacks Ean Rodrigues, Robbie Hooker, midfielders Grant Lee and Jean-Paul de Marigny plus Abbas Saad, had

By JOHN ECONOMOS

Sydney Olympic reeling on the ropes as they chased all day denying their opponents space.

Master coach Thomson, despite his constant pleas that his star-depleted team will barely survive this year in the League, is fooling nobody.

Thomson, Australia's most consistently successful coach in the NSL over the last seven years, again will deliver the goods this season. O'Connor, now saddled with the captaincy, was absolutely superb and blocked everything on the floor as well as in the air. O'Connor, hav-

ing lost at least six kilos in weight, looked magnificent.

On the other hand, Sydney Olympic lacked leadership, discipline and completely neglected their defensive duties. Once they lost the ball, only midfielder, Gary Phillips wanted to chase to win back possession.

Eight minutes after the break, with the scores level at 0-0, City lost left midfielder, de Marigny, who was sent off after an altercation with Olympic's Emil Dragicevic. Referee Gary Power showed de Marigny the red card and the midfielder will be fined \$500 by Thomson this week.

In the 72nd minute, Sydney City was awarded a penalty when Olympic's free-back, Tony Dakos, fouled Tommy McCulloch in the box. McCulloch slot-

ted home easily to put

them ahead. Five minutes from full time, Sydney City were awarded a second penalty when substitute defender, Emmanuel Spanoudakis, fouled Kiwi striker, Kevin Hagan. McCulloch hit his penalty in exactly the same spot to score.

Thomson stated after the match: "I was more than happy with the young lads and as far as big Rocky was concerned, he was super."

But "Rocky", his quiet, humble self, said: "No, all the boys were terrific and never stopped working the whole 90 minutes."

SYDNEY CITY: Goalies: Rodrigues, O'Connor, Robertson, Hooker; Lee (Souness 83rd), McCulloch, Barnes, de Marigny; Saad (Ingham 71st), Hagan.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Goalies: Dragicevic, Dekker, Ratcliffe, Hantzie; Katsamanidis, Phillips, Patalla; Soper (Papakostas 25th), Karama (Spanoudakis 72nd), Kalantzis. Referee: G. Power. Crowd: 5,183.



Steve "Rocky" O'Connor in battle against Olympic's Terry Patalla.



Sydney Olympic's Marshall Soper carried off after suffering a serious injury.

## SYD CROATIA WIPES THE FLOOR WITH MELB RIVAL

SYDNEY CROATIA wiped the floor with their Melbourne counterparts at the Croatian Sports Centre and gave them a scrub and polish for good measure in winning their West End National League match 6-1.

The Edensor Park based club were on a mission of revenge following last week's disappointing loss to the same team in the Ansett Challenge Shield.

It took only six minutes for Sydney Croatia to go ahead when Graham Jennings sent Manis Lamond on his way down the wing. The youngster's cross was low and hard to Robbie Slater, who slid in his first of a fine hat-trick.

It was the same trio involved in the second goal six minutes later when Jennings released Lamond, this time through the middle. He caught Melbourne's keeper Mirko Runje napping and before he could recover Slater was sticking in his second.

Melbourne Croatia's new recruit Ian Wallace, playing his first game for four months, was disappointed but not distraught saying: "We were beaten by a better team. We simply didn't play well."

"It was my first outing for a long time and it

By FRANK COLETTA

was pretty hot but I found it okay under the circumstances."

Wallace showed some neat touches and glimpses of form but his chances in the game were few and far between, although he forced a brilliant smothering block by



Sydney Croatia's Robbie Slater in goal scoring mood.

Sydney's Anthony Franken late in the first half.

The home side never let up and went 3-0 ahead after 19 minutes when Zarko Odzakovic set himself for a strike at goal but laid the ball off for Ante Rumora whose 22 metre drive never looked like missing.

A quarter of an hour into the second stanza and Arnold finally grabbed a goal to make it 5-0.

The goal was a gem. It all began when replacement Shane Clinch received a flick from Slater and sent Jennings galloping away down the

flank and the flying full-back drew two men and cut a pass inside to the unmarked Arnold.

Seven minutes later and the Melbourneites grabbed a consolation. Maclean, bound to be a hit this season once he finds peak fitness, chipped Franken who did well to get back and touch the ball onto the bar but the rebound fell kindly for Paul Lewis, who powered the shot in a metre from the line.

Three minutes from the final whistle and Slater had his hat-trick. Captain-coach Vedran Rozic played the ball through to Arnold, who in turn found replacement Zeljko Jurin and the compliment was returned and the international's drive was parried. Slater was on hand to knock in Runje's stop.

His counterpart Rozic offered jokingly: "We should have left three goals for next week (against Sydney Olympic)."

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken, Sever, Vilettra, Rozic, Jones, Jennings, Rumora (Clinch 56), Odzakovic, Slater, Arnold, Lamond (Jurin 96).

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje, Davidson, McIntosh (Vanacik 66), Dunn, Hannah, Humble (Lemecina 46), Lewis, Blakie, Maclean, Scott, Wallace. CROWD: 7298. Referee: R. Lorens.

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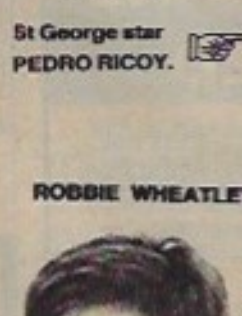
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# BIG, NEW PLANS FOR OLD NEWTOWN LEAGUES CLUB

MIKE WRUBLEWSKI, the young, energetic and well-known Sydney sports-minded businessman and head of the Australian Indoor Soccer champions Sydney Tornados, plans to buy out the old Newtown Rugby Leagues club in a deal rumoured at \$1 million plus.

And he plans to do this very quickly.

Wrublewski, a man who likes to do things in a hurry has, in partnership with several associates including Kevin Jacobson Productions, formed a consortium to buy the Leagues club.

It is envisaged that the Newtown Leagues club will be re-named the Newtown Leagues and Sports Club and will encompass at least three major sports.

Wrublewski, who is also the chairman of the crack Sydney basketball side the Supersonics, plans to have his Indoor Soccer and basketball teams and the old Newtown Rugby Leagues club teams under the umbrella of the new club.

## Big Boost

The Sydney Supersonics with a 2,000 strong following, together with Sydney Tornados supporters, will boost tremendously the club's membership and inject much needed life into the new club.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

And all these projected plans, it is hoped, will crystallise as early as May 1.

"We have the full support of the NSW Rugby League, the club's receiver and the club administration," Wrublewski stated.

The old Newtown Leagues club has been in the hands of the receiver since 1984.

"We hope to be able to breath life back into the club through a marriage of convenience involving Indoor Soccer, basketball and rugby league," Wrublewski, who also happens to be the president of the Basketball Association, said.

The Sydney Tornados, coached by Nic Nikolopoulos, who is also the national coach, has won the National Championship over the last two years.

The Tornados are easily the most progressive team in the National Indoor Soccer League.



## Dynamic

The Tornados are heavily sponsored by car manufacturer, Toyota.

The dynamic Wrublewski has secured a \$40,000 sponsorship from drink and confectionary manufacturer, Cadbury-Schweppes to finance next month's spectacular basketball classic involving 14 teams from all over Australia.

The classic will be staged at Sydney's Homebush Sports Centre from April 2 to the 5th.

It sees for the first time, all 14 teams come together for the four day inaugural Australian Basketball Cup.

The NSW Basketball Association has seen its registered members of players balloon out to 55,000 over 155 associations.

# All the Results and Tables

## STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd
Rockdale Ilinden v Kuring-gai	2-1	0-1
Uruguay Auburn v Inter Monaro	5-1	3-0
Merri Warringah v Melita Eagles	0-1	1-0
Wollongong Mac v Wollongong City	1-1	2-0
Blacktown City v Sutherland	0-0	6-0
Canterville v Newcastle Rosebud	1-2	1-3
Canberra City v Warringah F/Water	1-0	0-4

## STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Bathurst 75 v Avala	1-1	0-0	1-1
Polonia v Gladstone Hby	6-0	2-1	1-4
SSC Yugal v Campbelltown City	2-1	1-2	2-0
Dee Why Swans v Queens Park	1-0	0-2	0-1
Sydney Maccabi v Blacktown United	3-0	2-4	0-0
Fairy Meadow v Kingsford Hellens	1-2	3-3	1-5
Nth Syd Armarion v Nth Bankstown	0-2	2-3	0-15

## STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Baukham Hills v Nth Ryde RSL	2-1	6-1	5-0
Mt Druit v Concordia	0-2	1-1	3-0
West United v Bondi Marine	3-1	0-2	1-5
Union NSW v Canterbury Dist	2-1	2-1	0-2
Campbelltown Gun v Granville Chile	2-1	2-1	5-1
Port Hacking v Moorebank L pool	2-1	0-2	0-0
King Tomislav v Rooty Hill	1-3	1-1	0-2

## STATE LEAGUE DIV 1 GR 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blacktown City	3	2	1	0	6	1	5
Wollongong City	3	2	1	0	7	5	5
Merri W'gah	3	2	0	1	3	1	4
Melita Eagles	3	1	2	0	6	4	4
Newcastle	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
Canberra City	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Wollongong Mac	3	0	2	1	3	4	4
Sutherland	3	0	3	0	0	3	3
Rockdale Ilid.	3	1	1	1	4	3	3
Uruguay	3	1	1	1	0	5	3
Warringah F/W	3	1	0	2	4	6	2
Kuring-gai	3	0	1	2	3	1	1
Canterville	3	0	1	2	3	1	1
Inter Monaro	3	0	1	2	5	11	1

## STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clown City	3	3	0	0	7	6	6
Blacktown Utd	3	2	1	0	8	4	5
Queens Park	3	2	1	0	4	1	5
Polonia	3	2	1	0	7	5	5
Bathurst 75	3	1	2	0	1	5	4
Kingsford Hill	3	1	2	0	5	4	4
Gladstone Hby	3	1	1	1	6	6	3
Avila	3	1	1	1	4	3	3
Nth Bankstown	3	1	0	2	4	5	2
SSC Yugal	3	0	1	1	1	2	1
Nth Syd Armar	3	0	1	2	5	11	1
Fairy Meadow	3	0	1	2	10	12	1
Sydney Maccabi	3	0	0	3	2	7	0
Dee Why	3	0	0	3	3	8	0

## STATE LEAGUE DIV 1 GR 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Uruguay	3	3	0	0	1	6	6
Blacktown City	3	2	1	0	11	5	5
Warringah F/W	3	2	1	0	10	5	5
Melita Eagles	3	2	0	1	15	1	4
Sutherland	3	2	0	1	10	9	4
Kuring-gai	3	2	0	1	3	2	4
Wollongong Mac	3	2	0	1	3	5	4
Merri W'gah	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Wollongong City	3	1	0	2	5	2	2
Canterville	3	1	0	1	3	2	2
Newcastle	3	1	0	2	3	5	2
Inter Monaro	3	0	1	2	2	13	1
Rockdale	3	0	0	3	3	8	0
Canberra City	3	0	0	3	1	13	0

## STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Queens Park	3	3	0	0	14	6	6
Kingsford Hill	3	3	0	0	12	1	6
Nth Bankstown	3	2	1	0	18	1	5
Clown City	3	2	1	0	8	2	4
Polonia	3	1	1	1	9	5	3
Avila	3	1	1	0	5	1	3
Bathurst 75	3	1	1	1	3	5	3
Blacktown Utd	3	1	1	1	3	5	3
Gladstone Hby	3	1	0	2	7	6	2
SSC Yugal	3	1	0	1	3	9	2
Fairy Meadow	3	1	0	2	14	2	2
Sydney Maccabi	3	0	1	2	12	1	1
Nth Syd Armar	3	0	0	3	0	25	0
Dee Why	3	0	0	3	0	6	0

## 1ST GRADE TABLE DIV 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Maccabi	3	3	-	0	1	6	6
Polonia	3	2	-	1	12	2	5
Nth Bankstown	3	2	-	1	5	2	5
Yugal	3	2	-	1	4	1	4
Fairy Meadow	3	1	1	1	4	8	3
Bathurst	3	1	1	1	2	3	3
Dry Swans	3	1	1	1	1	3	3
Kingsford Hill	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Avala	3	0	2	1	3	9	2
Queens Park	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Campbelltown	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Nth Syd Armar	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Blacktown Utd	3	0	3	0	2	0	0
Clown City	3	0	3	0	0	0	0

## NSW SECOND DIVISION

NSW Second Division sub-committee secretary Mrs Dianne Moore is prepared to supply ASW with a weekly summary of matches in the Division.

Clubs wishing to avail themselves of this publicity should contact her after the game on 30 1565.

## NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

Sutherland 5 C.M. Olympic 0, Sydney Olympic 3 Manly 1, APLA 4 Uruguay 0, S/Croatia 5 Marconi 2, Juventus 1 Oakleigh 0, Preston 4 Footscray 0, Southern Melbourne 2 George Cross 0.

## GREECE

AEK 1 Larissa 0, Apollon 1 Vero 0, Kalamaria 0, Paki 0, Dosa 1 Panionios 0, Ethnikos 2 Diagoras 0, Iraklis 2 Aris 0, Oti 4 Olympiakos 1, Panathinaikos 3 Yavina 0.

## YUGOSLAVIA

Vardar 2 Spartak 1, Sutjeska 5 Radnicki 0, Red Star 2 Hajduk 1, Pristina 1 Velez 0, Osijek 2 Sarajevo 1, Zvezdica 2 Dinamo V. 0, Dinamo Zagreb 2 Partizan 1, Rijeka 2 Buducnost 2, Celik 1 Sloboda 0.

## CYPRUS

Omonia 4 Paralimni, Aris 1 Ethnikos 1, Apoc 2 Anadipou 1, Ermis 0 Aki 3, Anorthosis 2 FNA 0, Apoc 2 Salamina 0, Apoc 4 Olympiakos 1.

## COMING NEXT WEEK

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## YOUNG SOCCEROOS REVEL IN SENIOR FOOTBALL



BY ALAN VEST  
NSW DIRECTOR OF COACHING

LES Scheinflug's Youth Squad will be back together they resume their camps on April 5 at Valentine Park.

He will be pleased to get them all together again, but I would imagine he's more pleased to see almost all the squad, playing and gain-

ing match fitness at a Senior Level.

Goalkeeper Brett Hughes a regular in the NSL, last year has played in Sydney City's pre season games along with striker Abbas Saad.

Kurt Reynolds, Darren Northan and Jason Van Blerk are regulars in Blacktown City's State League side.

Paul Trimbole and John Markovski have been in Sunshine/George Cross's pre season line ups as have Mark Talamien at Melbourne Croatia, Lou Hristodolou at West Adelaide and George Kulsean, Craig Moffitt and Scott Ollerenshaw at St George.

Added to there are the AIS contingent of John Koch, Alex Cummings and Alistair Edwards playing against Victorian State League sides, gives him a squad all playing at a Senior Level.

This is a great boost to him and should ensure that it will be one of the best prepared Youth Squads to represent Aus-

tralia.

There is a vast difference playing regularly at senior level as opposed to a Youth League for this age group and it will be interesting to see their progress over the coming months.

## Under 16

The week after the Youth Squad are in camp Vic Dalgleish and Bruce Stowell bring together an extended squad to Valentine Park, to finalise their squad for the 16's finals in Canada in July.

Many of these 15/16 yr olds are also playing the U/19 Youth Leagues in Victoria and NSW, as well as the odd ones playing in Senior Football.

Captain Demetri Longo is a regular in Hobart Juventus State League line up.

The depth of young players in that country is certainly something to be proud of and their gradual progressive into Senior Football makes the future look good.

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BY STEPHEN SHELDON

# The State League Story

## MELITA COMES IN FROM THE COLD

REIGNING premiers, Melita, came in from the cold to post a 2-0 win over front-runners, Manly Warringah, in the match of the round at Cromer Park.

Melita attacked from the start against a Manly side that seemed more intent on preventing than scoring goals with the main attacking thrust coming from fleet-footed striker, Mark Cimarosti.

In the fourth minute, Ray Farrugia almost put Melita in the lead but watched in anguish as his 20 metre volley was brilliantly saved by keeper, Warwick Tingle — the first of many fine saves he was about to execute.

Manly's Paul Jurgens came even closer five minutes later when his 15 metre shot crashed against the base of the left post.

In the 19th, 25th, 28th and 31st minutes Melita's Greg Brown, Wayne Farnsworth, Andrew Callanan and John Foxman brought more superb saves from Tingle.

Melita's sustained pressure finally took its toll on the Manly defence in the 53rd minute when defender, Wayne Pierce, handled inside the box and midfielder Birol Sertbas was untroubled to convert from the box.

Pierce almost made amends for his misdemeanour in the 75th minute when he streaked through on a solo run and crashed a 22 metre shot just wide of the post.

MELITA: Pupovac, Williams, Griffiths (Moorland 45m), Callanan, Cabassi, Welbourne, Sertbas (McFadden 55m), Farrugia, Brown, Foxman, Farnsworth.

Manly: Tingle, Dennis, Mangham, Pierce, Williamson, Etherington, Jurgens, Stuart, Cimarosti, Carrick, Smith (Loughran 52m).

### URUGUAY 5 INTER MONARO 1

Uruguay returned emphatically to the winner's circle with a crushing 5-1 whitewash of bottom placed Inter-Monaro at Cook Park.

Ironically, it was Monaro who began confidently and seemed to be well in control until the 17th minute when Uruguay was awarded a penalty after a Monaro

defender had handled in the box.

Defender, Brett Woods, coolly converted to give the locals a rather undeserved lead.

If Uruguay's first goal was not anticipated then surely no one could have expected the tidal wave of goals that flowed Uruguay's way in the second half.

In the 54th minute, John McKie dribbled the Monaro keeper to increase the margin and nine minutes later Craig Thompson found the top right corner with a crashing 30 metre drive.

David Batten added the finishing touches with two well taken goals in the 70th and 77th minutes and it appeared there would be no stopping the home side.

However, Uruguay's reign of terror was complete and it was only left to Monaro defender, Colbertaldo to chalk up a token goal for the visitors in the final minute to bring up the final scoreline.

URUGUAY: Hoare, O'Donnell, Tomasek, Woods, Bourka, Kravovic (Pitz 52m), Batten, Thompson, Weber, Genc, McKie (Mosquera 80m).  
INTER MONARO: Notaras, Demazoulich, Capelli (Arthur 30m), Colbertaldo, Titias, Ambrosino, Felizzi (Montenegro 30m), Paveriano, Valeri, Fernandez, Giampolo.

### BLACKTOWN CITY 0 SUTHERLAND 0

Sutherland chalked up a miraculous third successive scoreless draw, this time with equal leaders, Blacktown City, in a tightly fought encounter at Gable Stadium.

The clash was largely an exercise in attack versus defence as Blacktown launched onslaught after onslaught, each of which was absorbed and repelled by the brick-like Sutherland defence.

The majority of chances came in the second half.

In the 65th minute,

Blacktown's Brett Thornthwaite drove a superb 20 metre shot on the turn following a defence-splitting pass by Ralph Maier but was denied a goal by the acrobatics of Craig Burdmore.

More chances fell Blacktown's way five minutes later when Burdmore again thwarted shots by Roy Cotton and Thornthwaite.

Three minutes later it was Sutherland's turn to attack when Greg Lerond broke down the left flank and crossed to Craig Hall whose header was tipped over the bar by a lunging Alex McPherson.

Five minutes later, McPherson was again on hand to block two shots by Peter Terry.

Effervescent midfielder, Paul Kay, was the man of the match.

BLACKTOWN: McPherson, Maier, Stacey, Reynolds, North-

an, Jeffries, Kay, Egan, Sandy (Naumov 75m), Thornthwaite, Van Blark (Cotton 45m).

SUTHERLAND: Burdmore, R. O'Shea, Sellar, Terry, Bell, J. O'Shea, Cox, Harrington, Tasher (Lerond 75m), Hall, Caban (Sharp 60m).

### CANTERBURY 1 NEWCASTLE 2

Newcastle continued Canterbury-Marrickville's run of outs with a sparkling 2-1 victory at Arlington Oval.

The visitors took the lead in the 15th minute when Derek Caisley capped off a corner from the right by Ross Milosevic.

Canterbury endeavoured to engineer the equaliser and, 10 minutes after the break, it came in the form of a penalty by George Kalogeras after Zlatko Arabasic was brought down.

While Canterbury continued to attack, the

deadlock was broken by Newcastle who scored against the run of play.

Again the goal came from the spot — this time by Greg Penfold — after a Newcastle attacker was brought down inside the box.

In the final 10 minutes, Canterbury tried in vain to snatch the equaliser and watched in agony as a 15 metre shot by Alex George ricocheted off the right post.

CANTERBURY: Russell, Vadalakis, Micevski, Antoniadis, Radman, Borges, Kalogeras, Stacey, Andromedea, Petras (George 55m), Arabasic (Antonopoulos 80m).

NEWCASTLE: Grills, Milosevic, Harrison, Mountford, Roberts, Caisley (Balle 75m), Gresham, Drysdale, Cavanah, Foley (Rowney 55m), Penfold.

### WOLLONGONG MAC 1 WOLLONGONG CITY 1

Before a crowd of over 2,500, bottom-placed Wollongong Macedonia caused the shock of the round with a thoroughly deserved 1-1 draw with top-placed Wollongong City in the local derby at Berkely Sports Ground.

However, in the first half, a draw seemed far from likely.

City dominated from the start and, in the 26th minute, striker Randell Easthorpe broke the deadlock after a pass by

Jimmy Hristovski.

After the break, Macedonia came alive and, in the 53rd minute, the equaliser came from the head of defender Andy Campbell, after a corner on the right by Paul Giraldo.

Late in the second half, both teams squandered golden opportunities to take the lead.

In the 71st minute, Eastnorpe was denied by keeper Bizonovski and, with only three minutes remaining, Macedonia's Dean Gardiner actually beat keeper, Craig Young, only to watch his shot saved off the line by Jock Morlando.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Bizonovski, Muhlbauer, Ruskin, Campbell, Giraldo, Kari, Kikovski, Breeney, Jira, Gardiner, Giraldo.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young, Skew, Hofffield, Morlando, Beringer, Cokely, Hristovski, Ainsworth, Easthorpe, Brodnik, Givah.

### ROCKDALE ILLINDEN 2 KU-RING-GAI 1

Rockdale chalked up its first win of the season when it edged out Ku-ring-gai 2-1 in a top-spy tussle game at Hurstville Oval.

The game, which was played at a cracking pace, was characterised by a series of missed opportunities falling to both sides.

Rockdale dominated early but was rocked in the 25th minute when Ku-ring-gai defender, David Kevern, smashed home a cross from the left by John Camburn.

Rockdale's best chance of the first half came in the 44th minute when Vasko Mitrovski rattled the left post with his five metre shot with the goal open.

However, three minutes after the break, Rockdale levelled when midfielder, Pat Rodas cracked a 20 metre volley into the top left corner after a lovely cross by Mitrovski.

Rockdale's search for the winning goal almost came unstuck in the closing stages when Glen Jeffery and Neale Williamson missed golden opportunities to post Ku-ring-gai's winner.

But, three minutes from full time, Rockdale finally hit the lead when midfielder, Vince Nastoski capitalised on a defensive lapse to blast the net from 10 metres.

For Rockdale, Rodas and Tony Genovese were in sparkling form while Glen Jeffery and Williamson shone out for Ku-ring-gai.

ROCKDALE: Barker, D. Wilson, Boogert, Mitrovski, G. Wilson, Darlington, Nastoski, Rodas, Genovese, Baddoni, Spivacki (Mitrovski 40m).

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevern, Camburn, Laurie-Smith, Pepper, Sutherland, Berry, Williamson, Ferguson (Bass 42m), Fagan (Guilley 80m), Jeffery.

## ALAN REIS PENALTY SINKS WARRINGAH

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA Griffin maintained its unbeaten record in the NSW State Bank League with a 1-0 win over Warringah Freshwater at Bruce Stadium on Saturday night.

The goal, from an 81st minute penalty by Alan Reis, came just as the game seemed to be drifting towards an uninspiring goalless draw.

The first half was remarkable mainly for the exploits of Warringah defender Mick Kelly, who appeared bent on showing the Griffins' forwards the way past his own goalkeeper.

First he intercepted a shot from Sixto Gonzales to head the ball hard against the crossbar, then, just two minutes later struck a back-pass with such aggression and precision that keeper

Keith Warren was at full stretch to push it round the post for a corner.

The game reached its lowest ebb after the interval and was only saved by the penalty — awarded after Ian Gillan sent Reis sprawling in the area.

There was a little sparkle to finish with. Palacios, cutting in from the right, left Steve Knight and Jim Campbell tackling air as he slipped the ball to Reis, who could not get a shot in.

Then a flying header from Ray Junna almost brought the goal which would have been a fitting reward for his hard work.

CANBERRA GRIFFIN: Economopoulos, Bryant, Maza, Dunne, Suarez (Nelson 44th min), P. Reis, Junna, Semanni, Palacios, A. Reis, Gonzalez (Papadopoulos 75th min).

WARRINGAH FRESHWATER: Warren, Gillan, Duckling, Kelly, Dean, Knight, Campbell, Bottalico (Casaccio 78th min), Corrigan, de Ceglie (Wall 82nd min), Glanonne. Referee: N. Murray. Crowd: 452.

## THE WOLLONGONG CITY SQUAD



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### THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

SATURDAY 4th APRIL STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE		
Wollongong City Newcastle Rosebud	Vs Blacktown City Vs Canberra City	Wollongong S/G Adamstown Oval
2ND DIVISION		
Kingsford Hellenic Blacktown United	Vs Bathurst 75 Vs Nth Bankstown	Kensington Pk Francis Pk No.2
3RD DIVISION		
Moorebank Mt Druitt Bondi Marine	Vs West United Vs Baulkham Hills Vs Uni. of NSW	Hammondville Ov. Popondetta Pk Waverley Oval
SUNDAY 5th APRIL STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE		
Ku-ring-gai Inter Monaro Manly Warringah Sutherland Melita Eagles	Vs Wollongong Mac. Vs Rockdale Illinden Vs Uruguayan Auburn Vs Cant. M'ville Oly. Vs Warringah F/Water	Parklands Ov. Marco Polo Gd. Cromer Park Seymour Shaw Pk Melita Stadium
2ND DIVISION		
Campbelltown Queens Park Sydney Maccabi Avala Gladesville Hby	Vs Fairy Meadow Vs SSC Yugal Vs Dee Why Swans Vs Polonia Vs Nth Sydney Artamon	Lynwood Park Erskineville Ov. Wentworth Park Knight Park No.4 Pioneer Park
3RD DIVISION		
Nth Ryde RSL Canterbury Dist. Granville Chile Concordia	Vs Port Hacking Vs Campbelltown Vs King Tomislav Vs Rooky Hill	Magdala Park Blick Oval Garside Park Arlington Oval

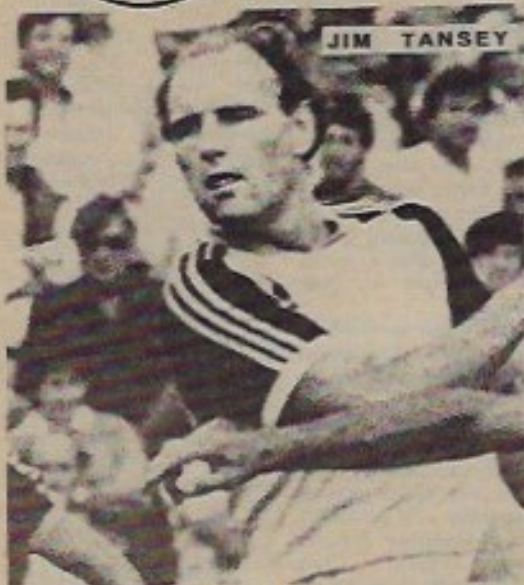
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# The Victorian Newsreel

## TANSEY TO INSTIL KILLER INSTINCT



### PUMA AND ALLISON SPORTS TO SPONSOR TOP SCORER

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WITH the positions on the league table starting to show some signs of consistency, there are still a number of teams who have not hit their straps yet.

Croydon continues to languish near the bottom third and this week take on the confident Caulfield.

Jim Tansey is struggling to bring his charges up to that "killer" reputation they once held. That killer instinct is definitely missing and with Caulfield playing some exciting Soccer, Croydon may find the going tough again. A win at home for Caulfield is on the cards.

Morwell Falcons also have had a poor start and

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face the strong contingent from Green Gully. Gully on paper look the goods but still have to win on the park — over confidence does funny things!

Frankston Pines and Broadmeadows should fight out a draw and Western Suburbs play host to Northcote, with Northcote hungry to pick up its first points of the season. The problem is — do they have anyone who

can score a points winning goal?

The big clash between Fawkner and St Albans is an important one as Fawkner wants to keep in touch with the leaders and St Albans wants to remain as one of them.

St Albans is playing a more direct game and seem to be far more settled, so they should be good enough for both points.

Maryborough take on Thomastown and look to be too strong, but Mike Lynn's forces won't be "easy picking".

Thomastown's defence is very tight and the highlight of the match will be the battle between goalmachine, Warszawski of Polonia and sweeper George McMillan of Thomastown.

Box Hill and Springvale have also had a mediocre start to the season. Box Hill's squad is very unsettled as is Springvale's so a draw looks a likely result.

The AIS, if included in the league with points, would be equal top up to the stage.

They have shown to most that they are a team to be reckoned with, well organised and well equipped, even though a couple of coaches who

have been on the receiving end of a result have stated that the matches are "friendlies".

I wonder how much a loss in any type of match does for confidence. And

team moral — if you are a good team, you want to win any match... just ask Liverpool.

This week Oakleigh looks like being the AIS' next victim.

## NEW HOME FOR "THE CELTS"

OLYMPIC Park No.2 ground, which is about to unveil Melbourne's first synthetic surface to accommodate Soccer, may have a new tenant.

Prahran Celtic of Victoria's second division has made enquiries about using the facilities as its home ground.

If Prahran Celtic doesn't have any difficulty in getting permission from the Victorian Soccer Federation to use the ground, "The Celts" will be the first team in Melbourne to have a synthetic home ground.

Coincidentally, British teams Luton, Queens Park Rangers and Wimbledon, who use similar pitches, are having big problems with opposi-

tion from fellow clubs about the surface.

Not that the pitch is a problem, opposition teams feel that there is an unfair advantage to the home team.

Legally the surfaces in Britain and the Olympic Park pitch are FIFA approved and Prahran Celtic president Joe Docherty is now investigating the VSF constitution to verify Australian legalities, but says that there is no mention of the fact that matches must be played on natural grass.

Who knows, maybe once Prahran Celtic start playing on the synthetic surface at Olympic Park, teams in their league may also complain about an unfair advantage which "The Celts" may develop.

— PHIL DIAMATARIS

## LAUNCESTON CITY'S FIRST CUP VICTORY

THE newly re-named Launceston City became the first Launceston-based club to win Northern Tasmania's premier pre-season competition — the Boags-Hudson Cup — by defeating glamour side, Matric, 3-1.

Before a large crowd, and in ideal weather conditions, both teams took the field prepared to do battle to the end — and this is exactly what happened.

Before both teams had an opportunity to settle down, City hit the lead — a Gerry Farrell nod into an open goal — but this was disallowed by referee Brice Weaver for an apparent handball.

It was only a few minutes later, though, when the first goal was accepted by the referee.

Matric won a corner and Martin Withford crossed to allow teammate Phil Davis to convert with a superb, powerful header past a stunned Hamilton into the net.

Matric then determinedly hung on to their slender lead — tackling strongly, covering each other intently and clearing balls desperately to safety.

Adams was called on a

number of occasions to save at point-blank range — once from Davidson and another time by Bessell.



Man of the Match award winner Conrad Hughes of Matric, with Peter Cole, Tasmanian Breweries representative.

Matric were almost given a second goal shortly before half-time when an attempted clearance skimmed City's crossbar with Hamilton and his defenders totally befuddled.

However, City survived this confusion and were even able to mount a final sortie upfield with the resultant shot forcing Adams to stretch and tip the ball over for a corner.

The question at half-time was whether or not the Students could hang on to their one goal lead and continue through the next 45 minutes to win their first title.

From the outset of the second half City took the offensive and, for long periods of time, besieged the Matric defence.

Matric's Lewendon handled the ball in the penalty area but, after a short protest by City players, the game continued and, 3 minutes later, were rewarded with the equaliser.

The diminutive Turner forced his way in to the dead ball line and beat two opponents before squaring it short to Bessell for a simple near-post tap-in.

And, in another three minutes City grabbed the lead.

Referee Weaver picked out a free-kick in the penalty-area and Stillie calmly placed the ball wide of a diving Adams.

City sensed that they could possibly add another before the end of the game and continually

harrassed Matric's tired defence.

With only a minute remaining, Weaver again spied out a foul in the penalty-area — this time for a challenge on Bessell — and it was given to Davidson to hammer past Adams, picking the same spot as Stillie did earlier.

With scarcely time to restart the match, the whistle went to put an end to a hard-fought and entertaining Cup Final and captain Bob Stillie had the honour of collecting the first major trophy on offer for the 1987 Northern Tasmanian Soccer season.

Earlier, Devonport had cruised to a 4-0 victory over Georgetown in the 3rd place play-off. Blond bombshell Billy Frame sent in two and Mike Meldrum returned to scoring form to blast another two away for a convincing win.

Conrad Hughes, Matric's new signing from Georgetown, won the man-of-the-series award for his fine display throughout his team's five games.

Final score: Launceston City (Bessell, Stillie, Davidson) 3 Matric (Davis) 1.

JOHN TSCHEPPEA

## TASMANIAN NEWS



### Launceston City SC team — Winners

Front: L-R: D. Craig, F. Hopkins, S. Morley, B. Davidson, G. Farrell, D. Turner. Back: L-R: D. Cook, T. Balym, S. Birch, D. Cooper, C. Bessell, B. Stillie, I. Hamilton, C. Baxter, S. Dejac, K. Dennis.



### Launceston Matric SC team — Finalists

Front: L-R: R. Murray, J. Smith, A. Adams, J. Caddy, L. Barnett, P. Davidson, G. Slessor. Back: L-R: G. Lewendon, M. Withford, G. Reading, G. Billing, C. Hughes, P. Davis, D. Davis, P. Brookes, J. Hinds.



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## CHARLIE EGAN — South Melbourne

**NAME:** CHARLES EGAN  
**BIRTHPLACE AND DATE:** Glasgow, 14/8/59.  
**HEIGHT AND WEIGHT:** 5ft., 7ins., 10st. 10lb.  
**MARRIED:** Yes, to Louise.  
**HOME:** Altona Meadows, Melbourne.  
**CAR:** Holden.  
**NICKNAME:** None.  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Dumbarton, Berwick Rangers, Frankston City.  
**OCCUPATION:** Storeman/VDU operator.  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Peter Raskopoulos and Paul Wade.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS:** Squash and snooker.  
**FAVOURITE GROUND:** Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide.  
**HOLIDAY RESORT:** Scotland.  
**MUSIC:** Popular.  
**POSITION:** Striker.  
**ACTOR/ESS:** Jack Nicholson and Goldie Hawn.  
**MOVIE:** One flew over the Cuckoo's Nest.  
**TV SHOW:** Soccer programs and British comedies.  
**DISH:** Steak pie.  
**DRINK:** Creamy soda.  
**LIKES:** Scoring goals.

**DISLIKES:** Getting beaten and bad referees.  
**INTERNATIONAL GAMES:** 20 appearances for Australia.  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** All the internationals, scoring 5 goals against Newcastle and scoring in the 1984 final against Sydney Olympic.  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** The whole of last season.  
**WORST INJURY:** Touch wood, I've not had any.  
**MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE:** George Kalogeros.  
**HARDEST OPPONENT:** There's lots of good ones but George Hannah of Melbourne Croatia is under-rated as a man marker.  
**FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER:** Jimmy Johnstone, Pele and Maradona.  
**BOOT TYPE:** Diadora.  
**BEST WORLD XI:** Shilton, Foester, Josimar, Briegel, M. Olsen, Platini, Maradona, Butragueno, Rush, Lineker, Laudrup.  
**AMBITIONS FOR '87:** To win the league and to play well.  
**LONG-TERM AMITIONS:** To play until I'm 50.

## GREEN GULLY HEAD TABLE FROM BEATEN ST ALBANS

Green Gully became the flavour of the week with its win over St Albans, but it was Caulfield who also shone by joining the top four this week.

They easily defeated arch-rival Oakleigh 2-0 before a very large crowd.

John Bitonis scored his third goal in as many weeks with new signing Phil Griffin playing his first match.

Fawkner accounted for neighbouring Broadmeadows 1-0 and Thomastown fought out an entertaining 0-0 draw against Box Hill.

Graham French was again the lone goal scorer, emphasising the fact that there isn't anyone at Croydon to share the duties.

Anyhow, Croydon thoroughly deserved their first win of the season.

Green Gully won the match of the round against St Albans and knocked the Saints down from the top of the table to fifth position.

Ex-Socceroo Tommy Cumming and new signing Joe Sweeney, who scored again in his second outing, gave Green Gully both points.

Morwell drew 1-1 with Polonia and guess who scored the equaliser for Polonia? Yes, Greg Warzawski continued his more than a goal a game average.

Springvale and West-

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ern Suburbs also drew 1-1 in a match which was in the balance from the start.



Jason Polak

Northcote continued its poor form — this time against the in-form AIS side.

As I predicted, the AIS team is shaping to be a very strong outfit and a team which will deliver confidence-shattering results against their much more fancied State League rivals.

New signings for Northcote, Pedro Ramos and South American import Hugo Espanon were unveiled for their first matches with their new club, but failed to solve the goalscoring problem.

Ramos performed as he always does — consistently — and showed some very fine touches. But Espanon looked lost for most of the match, only having one chance

— a header which hit the crossbar.

On the other hand the AIS, although playing below the standard they have shown in previous games, was by far the more direct side and, led by Alistair Edwards, Jason Polak and John Koch who are Australian youth representatives, proved too good for the Greek team.

Polak scored the winner for the Institute after Dean Nicolaou presented him with a perfect corner. Minutes later Edwards could have put the AIS two up but Mark Taradia, Northcote's goalkeeper did well to save.

### RESULTS

Northcote 0 v AIS 1; Oakleigh 0 v Caulfield 2; Broadmeadows 0 v Fawkner 1; Croydon 1 v Frankston 1; Green Gully 2 v St Albans 1; Morwell Falcons 1 v Polonia 1; Springvale City 1 v Western Suburbs 1; Thomastown 0 v Box Hill 0.

### VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Green Gully	4	3	0	1	8	5	7
Maribymong	4	2	0	2	8	4	6
Fawkner	4	2	0	2	5	2	6
Caulfield	4	3	1	0	5	2	6
St Albans	4	2	1	1	8	4	5
Thomastown	3	2	0	1	2	0	5
Croydon	4	1	1	2	3	3	4
Western Suburbs	4	1	2	1	3	5	3
Frankston	4	1	2	1	4	6	3
Oakleigh	4	1	2	1	6	9	3
Springvale	3	0	1	2	2	3	2
Box Hill	4	0	2	2	2	4	2
Morwell	3	0	1	2	2	4	2
Broadmeadows	4	1	3	0	3	6	2
Northcote	3	0	3	0	1	5	0
AIS	4	3	0	1	6	1	7

## Victorian State League

**ROUND FIVE  
SATURDAY APRIL 4th**

Caulfield City v Croydon City, Frankston Pines v Broadmeadows, Morwell Falcons v Green Gully.

**SUNDAY APRIL 5th**

Western Suburbs v Northcote City, Fawkner v St Albans, Maribymong v Thomastown, Box Hill v Springvale City, AIS v Oakleigh.

**1ST DIVISION**

**ROUND TWO  
SATURDAY APRIL 4th**

Nunawading City v Ringwood City, Sunbury United v Altona Gate, Bullen v Knox City.

**SUNDAY APRIL 5th**

Richmond v Essendon City, Albion Rovers v Doncaster Rovers, SM Mordialloc v Melbourne, Werribee v North Dandenong.

**2ND DIVISION**

**ROUND TWO  
SATURDAY APRIL 4th**

Doreton v Mooroolbark, Mornington v Eltham, North Geelong v Clifton Hill, Prahran City v Westgate, Ringwood United v Altona City, Sandringham v Dandenong City, Hamlyn Rangers v Waverley City.

**3RD DIVISION**

**ROUND TWO  
SATURDAY APRIL 4th**

Corio-Geelong United v Geelong, Rosanna v Clarinda, Springvale United v Port Melbourne, Yarraville v Moorabbin City, West Brunswick v Moreland Park Rangers, Yallourn v Bell Park, Fernree Gully v Kellor.

**4TH DIVISION**

**ROUND TWO  
SATURDAY APRIL 4th**

Langwarrin v Keysborough, Lalor United v Holland Park, Prahran v Diamond Valley Utd, Williamstown v Hawthorn, Pascoe Vale v Coburg, Seaford v Karingal United, East Brunswick v Boronia.



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# CHIT CHAT - Behind the scene at your club



ROBBIE SLATER's seven goals in four games stretched an extra game when he missed scoring in the Ansett Challenge Shield final.

Robbie says that he takes things as they come, but his scoring ambitions remain very much to the fore.

DAVE MCINTOSH, who played with clubs like Sydney Olympic, Yugal and Penrith in Sydney before joining Melbourne Croatia, is as strong and uncompromising as he ever was.

Dave turned 33 in early March. He knows he will never be the most skilled player on the park, but when it comes to last ditch defending he is as good — if not better — than he ever was.

SYDNEY CITY coach EDDIE THOMSON had better not be the superstitious type.

Eddie was sent hopping into his car at St George Stadium last Friday night, nothing unusual about that you might ask.

Well, the number plate of the car just happens to start off with NIL — not a good omen for a coach.

"It is not a sign of things to come," Thommo said.

He need not have worried. City beat Sydney Olympic 2-0 on Sunday.

A special sports Fellowship for Queenslanders will be a legacy from Brisbane's bid for the 1992 Olympic Games.

The Lord Mayor of Brisbane and leader of the city's Olympic bid, Alderman Sallyanne Atkinson, has announced a surplus of more than \$45,000 from funds raised to mount the bid. She said it was fitting that the money be returned to sport.

"The success of the bid as a financial exercise alone indicates its degree of professionalism," she said.

Brisbane presented a bid which was highly regarded throughout the world's Olympic circles, and although the Australian dollar fluctuated widely and generally downwards during the period of the bid, we achieved our objectives within budget."

Alderman Atkinson said details of the Fellowship were yet to be finalised, and representatives of the bid's major corporate sponsors and from each of the 27 Olympic sports had been invited to assist.

"Under the proposal, the Fellowship will be awarded annually to a person involved in an Olympic sport.

"The funds will be administered by appointed Trustees."

Brisbane was one of six cities to bid for the 1992 Summer Olympic Games.

TERRY HENNESSEY, the Melbourne Croatia coach, is under no illusions over what it will take to keep the club moving forward this year. Youngsters like Tony Lamezina, the former Canberra youngster, he says will have to work hard and in the right direction to make it.

A Welsh international who turned out 39 times for his country, Hennessey played a total of 450 English First Division games with Birmingham City, Nottingham Forest and Derby County.



FLASHBACK

## FLASHBACK APIA-ST GEORGE MEET

THE packed old Lambert Park stand is in the background as the battle is played out on the field. Closest to the ball in APIA right-back George Keith. Once an Arsenal starlet, Keith teamed with Stan Ackerley in what was a formidable defensive partnership. No quarter was given to the enemy, and in addition the pair starred for Australia.

In a typical pose is another famous Soccerroo in Adrian Alston, who turned out in England for Luton Town and Cardiff City as well as in the North American Soccer League with Tampa Bay Rowdies. With eyes glued to the ball is former APIA defender John Russell.

EXPERIENCED Wol-longong Macedonian midfielder George Todorovski thought his luck had changed when he declared himself fit for selection when his club played Sutherland at Seymour-Shaw Park.

Todorovski joined the club last season but was dogged with injuries and this year had a leg injury before being hit by a bout of bronchitis.

Before the Sutherland match he had trained well and coach John Frew decided to give him a run in the reserve team.

The day before the game, Todorovski was again in the wars, having thumped a jack hammer down on a big toe while working at Transfield.

Maybe next weekend, George...

THE ASF says that finalising plans for the preparation of the National teams — Australia, the Under 20 and Under 16 teams — was made easy because the respective coaches were realistic in view of the funds available for the job. Hats off then to Frank Arok, Les Scheinflug and Vic Dalgleish respectively.

On recent form Sydney fans were wondering why GRAHAM ARNOLD was not moving up from mid-field and getting in close to goal. 'Army' has been carrying a leg injury — not enough to keep him from playing, but sufficient to prevent him from running as much as usual.

National coach FRANK AROK won't be making many changes to the present squad. Frank says that the isn't much talent that he has missed, and with an average age of 23½ years he has plenty of developing talent. His next move, when it comes, will be to put the rule over some of the most promising players from the present Youth team.



George Todorovski with last years Rockdale Ilinden.

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WE sympathise with the family of referee BOB GRIFFITHS who was sadly caught in a rip near Foster and was drowned.

Former National team striker PETER OLLERTON has handled NSL coaching successfully for a long time with Preston. He is now Terry Hennessey's assistant at Melbourne Croatia. But at 35 the urge to play is still there. He turns out with Knox City whenever the opportunity arises. Last year he netted 14 in 16 games with Ferntree Gully.

GRAHAM JENNINGS has rejoined in the freedom of playing a roving role with Sydney Croatia, rather than being settled in at left-back. When Graham goes up it is usually Mark Jones who covers.

"As long as I'm on the left side I'm happy," says Graham. He started out as a left winger and was converted to a defender by Tommy Dockerty when he was at Sydney Olympic.

Graham Jennings



WHAT good timing. The media boys timed the finish of their match at St George last Friday night to perfection.

Only minutes after the full time whistle, the heavens opened up as a torrential downpour hit the stadium.

The media boys were safely tucked away in the dressing room, but they still had their problems.

With the start of the Apia-St George match getting nearer, the boys could not get to the press box because of the rain.

Eventually, they had to make a charge across the field in the pouring rain — much to the amusement of the crowd under the grandstand.



ONE can only hope NSW Federation president John Constantine acts on what he heard while attending the Uruguay premiership opener against Wollongong City at Cook Park, St Marys.

All the half-time announcements over the public address were made in Spanish.

If Mr Constantine is serious about attracting Australian families of all backgrounds to Soccer matches in this State he should act quickly to see this doesn't happen again. One can only guess how many people have been turned off Soccer over the years because of happenings such as this.

If a club wants to get a message across to one of these groups surely they should accompany any announcements with the same message in English.

IT's all very strange. A person who is right in the middle of an NSL club allegedly took a swipe at a part-time NSL official. But somehow the club, who has had the man pointed out to them, has been unable to come up with his name.

How can there be such difficulties with club officials' sense of recall...

ROGER DEWICK, one time Sutherland official and long-time member of NSW Soccer federation and NSL committees, is now in Queensland. Roger is running a convenience store near the beach at Maroochydore.

THINGS did not quite work out as planned during the print media's 3-2 win over the electronic media in the celebrity match at St George.

During the half-time break, with the print boys leading 1-0, it was decided if they scored another goal they would all take off their jerseys and wave them over their heads — a-la Chris Kalantzis — to celebrate.

The boys were so happy when the second goal was scored that they all forgot the plan — that is, all except goalkeeper ANDY PASCHALIDIS.

Andy obliged by running to the half-way waving his jersey over his head. Needless to say, he got some strange looks.

Peter Ollerton

WOLLONGONG City coach John Fleming is back in action as a player but not with the Wolves.

Fleming has been lured out of retirement to play with Illawarra Premier League club Aris, who are currently on a re-building campaign.

They are coached this year by Alec Fleming (no relation) and spending plenty of money to get a reasonable side on the field.

John Fleming's last outing as a player was

when he took the field when the Wolves were hit hard by injuries in the home game against Newcastle last season.

The only Saturday he won't be available to play with Aris is when the Wolves travel to Newcastle in August.

If Aris are doing well enough to warrant match of the day on a Sunday that would also mean they won't have Fleming in their line-up.

LAST Friday ASF executive director Brian Emery was the guest speaker at the Frenchville Sports Club at their Sportsman of the Year Award. Frenchville is one of the big forces for Soccer at Rockhampton.

Will ZARKO ODZAKOV be a Socceroo again at 31, having previously been dropped from the squad. On present form he must be given more than a good chance.

MELBOURNE CROATIA defender George Hannah, 29, has been in Australia for six years, five of which he has been with his present club.

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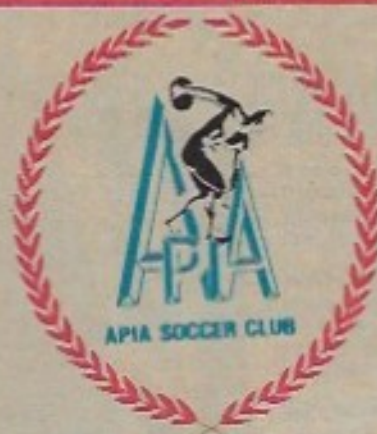
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# OLYMPIC LOSE SOPER FOR VITAL GAME

MARSHALL SOPER will miss next Sunday's clash against league heavyweights, Sydney Croatia. Soper was rushed to hospital from the St George Stadium last Sunday afternoon after suffering a badly dislocated knee in the match against Sydney City.

By JOHN ECONOMOS

It is expected that midfielder, Terry Patalis will be pushed up into the attack-line to fill in for Soper on the right side of John Kosmina.

Sydney Croatia will be hungry for further points following their crushing revenge victory last Sunday against Melbourne Croatia. The

Sydney side scored a massive six goals with flank-striker, Robbie Slater knocking up the league's first hat-trick.

Sydney Olympic's left-back, Spyros Hantzis, is expected to work overtime if Olympic are to contain Slater's slashing form of recent weeks.

In the midfield where it all happens, Olympic looks most vulnerable with skipper, Peter Ras-

kopoulos well and truly not fit and having to face the brilliance of Sydney Croatia's deadly tactician, Zarko Odzakovic.

The Sydney Croatia attack-line has a lethal look in Slater, Graham Arnold and Manis Lamond, who can rip apart any team in the league.

The Sydney Olympic back-four of Emil Dragicevic, Tony Dakos, David Ratcliffe and Hantzis will have their hands full on Sunday,

looking after this deadly trio.

If Sydney Olympic expects any dividends from Sunday's match, their midfield must be enormously strengthened with ball winners and not rely wholly on Gary Phillips.

Last Sunday, against Sydney City, the Olympic midfield lacked direction, stability and above all, workers.



MARSHALL SOPER

## APIA PLANS BIG DAY FOR ADELAIDE CITY

APIA is planning a big day for Sunday's match against the visiting Adelaide City at Lambert Park.

The Italian-sponsored club has been completely revitalised for this season with a huge sponsorship to be announced later this week, a large player recruitment in the off-season and a new management.

Rocco Polistina, APFA's promotions manager, ASW that his club has planned for Sunday a special Carnivale Match-Day attractions, including live bands, South American dancers, gymnastics and a colour-

ful parade of their junior teams.

At halftime, a special feature will be a match between the APFA Ladies team against past club greats including Johnny Watkins, Willie Wallace, Archie Blue, Johnny Giacometti, Audato Iglesias and Fil Bottalico.

These past super stars have not played or been united over the last 15 years.

During that era, APFA completely dominated the Soccer arenas of the country.

APFA and Adelaide City go into next Sunday's match with solid victories from last week-end's Round 1 of the West End Soccer League.

APIA looked very impressive as they wiped out St George 3-1 with Peter Tredinnick in magnificent form, laying on all three goals.

Adelaide City, last year's National Champions, destroyed Heidelberg United 4-1 in Adelaide and will be flat out to add to the League point tally.

Charlie Yankos, APFA's World Cup squad captain, came through last Friday's match against the Saints with no ill effects to the knee that was injured six weeks ago.

Yankos again links up into APFA's defensive spine with the no-nonsense Arno Bertogna.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

## SBS-TV DOES IT AGAIN



Ron Brown

SOCCER's best friend, SBS-TV, did it again last Sunday night when they arranged a live telecast between Italian first division giants Napoli and Juventus from Naples' Sao Paolo Stadium.

Executive-director for the SBS-TV Network, Mr Ron Brown, was

approached by prominent members of the Italian community last

Monday afternoon to see if it would be possible to get a live coverage of this super club clash involving Maradona and Platini.

Mr Brown quickly swung into action and fixed the international telecast that was screened by SBS-TV at 11.25pm last Sunday evening.

"I must admit though, we had financial support from the Italian community which enabled us to deliver the product," Mr Brown said.

Over the week-end, SBS more than satisfied the viewers' appetite with a flood of Soccer programmes.

On Saturday noon, "On The Ball" was screened previewing the West-End Soccer League.

Saturday at 5.30pm on "World Soccer", SBS

screened the Italian league match between AS Roma and Juventus.

This was followed up Sunday afternoon at 4.30pm with "Match Of The Day" screening the West-End National Soccer League match between Sydney City and Sydney Olympic from the St George Stadium.

And last night, yet another Soccer programme was brought to the fans with the screening of SPORT-Report at 8.30pm reviewing the West-End Soccer League matches played on the week-end.

By the way, Napoli won the match 2-1 solidifying their ambitions of winning their first-ever Italian Championship in the next few weeks when the season draws to an end.

Thanks, again, SBS-TV. By JOHN ECONOMOS

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# Queensland Update

**GREG RUSSELL brings you the latest news and views from the scene up north.**

## MAROONS EXHILIARATED

### QSF NOT DAUNTED

QUEENSLAND secretary Alan Vessey yesterday said that his Federation was not unduly concerned over abandonment of the 'Second Test' against Fiji at Perry Park last Wednesday night.

"We had no trouble in Fiji when we played them over there in 1985," he stated.

"There was some concern when New Zealand went there, but our eyes are now on the big tournament in Auckland in May.

"Everton will be there, and we will be playing in the Auck-

LAND confirmed its position as one of the best provincial sides in the South Pacific with a stunning 3-1 win over the Fiji National team in their opening series clash at Perry Park last week.

The Maroons, who beat NSW 1-0 last June, were always in control and led by three goals until the last minute.

And the stars of the Queensland victory were the only two players in the side not from former National League clubs Brisbane City and Lions.

Coalstars' Mark Brusasco scored two goals while Mount Gravatt's Martin Kirsopp hit the other from the penalty spot and finished the game as man of the match.

It was a triumphant return to the representative arena for Brusasco. The former Brisbane City striker played three times for Australia in the Oceania tournament in Noumea in 1980. But this match was his first full Queensland appearance.

The powerful striker, the son of QSF president Ian Brusasco, was chosen as a foil for Brisbane City's Irish import Kieran Cooper. But in the end it was Brusasco who took the onus and put away the goals.

His first, which was Queensland's second, will no doubt be ranked by Brusasco and many others as the most memorable of his career. The big striker showed amazing agility to finish a fine Queensland move with a sideways volley into the far side of the goal.

Brusasco's second came when he made the most of a pinpoint through ball from Kirsopp to drive his shot under Fijiian keeper Savenaca Waqa.

The pass was just another example of Kirsopp's brilliance throughout the match. The former Gisborne City NZ National League player shone in his first full appearance.

### Kirsopp Strong

Although the smallest on the park by a

long way, Kirsopp showed he could not only match it with the big Fijians, but was strong enough on the ball to win tackles and get his pass away.

Although the 21-year-old had pre-match nerves, he was the first in the dressing room to volunteer to take any penalties and had to wait only 18 minutes to be called upon.

Referee Alan Kibbler awarded the home side the spot kick when Cooper was brought down from behind by Waqa after chasing a deflected Kirsopp shot. The Mount Gravatt midfielder showed great composure to perfectly slot his shot into the right side of the goal.

The early goal was exactly what the Queenslanders had hoped for and from then on never looked like getting beaten. But an uncharacteristic defensive performance from the Fijians aided the Queensland cause.

Numerous times the speedy Fijian strikers, Ivor Evans, Freddie Evans and Simon Peters broke through the Queensland backline but then strangely passed inside the penalty box rather than shoot.

But when they did shoot, Queensland keeper Rob Farrow was at his best. Farrow made a number of fine saves including a world class effort in plucking the ball off the toes of striker Rusiate Waqa as he was about to shoot.

It wasn't until the final minute that the Fijians broke through when Farrow temporarily lost concentration to be beaten by a 25m drive from Evans.

There were no surprises in the Queensland team that took the park, with Soccerroo Russell Stewart being switched to sweeper as many had expected.

The Queensland team was: Farrow, Mengotti, Liddell (c), R. Stewart, Niven (Gilbert 77th), Ogden (Drucy 56th), J. Stewart, Kirsopp, Morton, Brusasco, Cooper.

The two teams were to also visit the Gold Coast for a match against the local representative side.

## "KEEP AWAY FROM IVORE EVANS"

AUSTRALIAN clubs have been warned to keep away from brilliant Fijian striker Ivor Evans, who toured Queensland with the country's National team last week.

Fiji National team manager, Jahir Khan, issued a stern "hands-off" when the subject of Evans playing in Australia was raised during the tour.

The striker caught the attention of Australian scouts when he starred in the 1985 Oceania World Youth Championships qualifying matches. Evans was reportedly offered a huge contract by APTA-Leichhardt, when approached by Brisbane Lions during Queensland's tour of Fiji later in the year.

Last week he was again linked with the former NSL club while three other Fijian tourists, Mohammed Aiyub,

Rusiate Waqa and Mohammed Saleem were approached by lower Division Brisbane clubs.

But Jahir bluntly told the suitors: "We are not here on a sales trip."

According to Jahir, Evans in particular would not be leaving Fiji until at least the end of the year. "He has a debt to pay," Jahir said.

The 21-year-old striker was under a five-year suspension arising from incidents when he allegedly arrived drunk at club training. But the suspension was lifted after only two months to allow Evans to tour Queensland.

"Had it not been for the Fiji Football Associa-

tion bending the rules, Ivor Evans would not be here. It is his duty now to play for his country," Jahir said.

### Wanted

The Fiji manager said Evans was required for the Oceania Olympic qualifying tournament games in November and the South Pacific tournament in December.

"He will be required until at least then and if any clubs outside Fiji want to talk to Evans after that, then he now has a lawyer who they can deal through."

The Fijians were obviously annoyed by the speculation that their leading players were looking to stay in Australia and Jahir warned that any Fiji player moving to an overseas club could jeopardise his national

team position. He said new national coach Rudy Gutendorf, who did not make the Queensland tour, had indicated he would only consider home-based players.

And he added he did not think a move overseas was often in the best interest of the Fijian players.

"We are always particularly concerned with our players going abroad because it has left a big gap in our National side and they are hard to replace. Also many times in the past Fijians have been lured away with big offers but given no security," Jahir said.

"A good many of them have not made it when they changed countries and have then been discarded by the clubs which made all the promises."

## PERRY PUTS WORD AROUND FOR

### QUEENSLAND JERSEY

FORMER Soccerroo Steve Perry wants to regain his place in the Queensland team ... and he is eyeing Russell Stewart's sweeper position.

Perry let it be known this week that he wanted to be considered for the Maroons tour of New Zealand in May when they will play in the inaugural South Pacific Championship against

Auckland, Tahiti and New Caledonia.

Perry, who played for Australia 25 times, has been off the Queensland representative scene for the past three years, largely as a result of injuries and his back-and-forward moves between Brisbane City and Redlands.

But now back at the Bayside club as player-coach, Perry believes he can do a job in the Queensland team.

"I would like it known I am available for selection," Perry said.

Perry was one of the most consistent players during the XXXX pre-season tournament and is one of the few recognised sweepers in Brisbane.

Queensland coach Bruce Stowell has used Stewart in the vital defensive position because he

believes there is no current recognised sweeper playing well enough for selection.

But he has not ruled out considering Perry in the future and has said there is plenty of time for the former Brisbane City NSL star to play his way into the touring Queensland squad.

Two years ago Stowell brought the 37-year-old Jim Hermiston into his team as sweeper because he believed he needed experience at the back.

Although Perry took over a team of youngsters when he accepted the Redlands coaching job, the side has quickly been built into a formidable outfit. His team-mates

include former NSL players Barry Kelso, Bevan Bohan, Ron Millman and Robert Harrison while former Mount Gravatt striker Gary Bohan adds further experience to the side.

Redlands surprised quite a few, and none so more than losing semi-finalist Brisbane City, to reach the XXXX final. And now many are predicting the newly promoted club could figure in this year's XXXX League top four.

"They have players who can score goals and a lot of teams will find them difficult to hold. I can see them winning quite a few games," said Lions coach Col Bennett whose team beat the Baysiders 2-1 in the XXXX pre-season final.

## LIONS LOSE JARROD

FORMER Queensland youth team goal-scoring ace Jarrod Austin has become the latest player to leave former National League club Brisbane Lions.

Austin was lured back to his former club North Star last week, just three days before the first round of XXXX League fixtures. He joins Danny Wright, Steve Jackson, Wayne Evans, Rod Vasquez, Tom McGregor, Craig Low, Clark Anderson, Michael Mulvey, Lindsay Dines, Richard van Win and Robert Marinov on the list of players who have left Redlands since the end of last season.

Austin, along with Dines, was the star of Queensland's 1985 National Youth Championship victory. Between them, the pair scored 10 goals in four games.

That prompted Lions to snap up both

amateurs. Dines failed to make an impact at Lions and returned to his junior club Pine Rivers earlier this year. But Austin made several NSL appearances last season and was a fringe first teamer this season.

But it seems regular first team football lured him back to North Star. "Jarrod wants to play for Queensland again and he wasn't being seen at Lions. He'll get a fair go with us," North Star club coach Iain Fagan said.

Austin will be looking to get on the scoresheet this weekend when North Star visit Taringa. Austin had a season with Rovers before switching to Lions.

Other XXXX League round two matches this weekend are: Saturday - Grange Thistle v Ipswich United (6pm); Redlands v Azzurri Brisbane City (7pm); Sunday: Coalstars v Rochdale (2.45pm), Mt Gravatt v Easts (2.45pm) and Olympic United v Lions (2.45pm).



ALAN VESSEY

land FA 100th Anniversary series against Tahiti, New Caledonia and Auckland."

But Perry Park was full of action in the 'Second Test'.

Referee Bill Monteverde abandoned the game after consulting linesman Alan Kibbler.

He showed the red card to Fijian Epeli Rokoquica, who allegedly slapped Kibbler as he left the field.

Just before this incident Monteverde had dismissed Queenslanders Marty Kirsopp, and Fijian Lote Delai.

It is also understood that the referee will accuse Fijian coach Billy Singh of elbowing Kibbler.

The score was 1-1 when Monteverde called the game off.

—KG

## DEAN INELLIGIBLE TO PLAY FOR FIJI

A registration technicality prevented Brisbane defender Sam Dean from joining the Fiji National squad for the second clash against Queensland at Perry Park last Wednesday night.

Dean, who plays with QSF Second Division club Juventus Trident, played in the Fiji National team for three years before coming to Brisbane four seasons ago.

He has remained good friends with many of the current members of the touring party and gave the Fijians a pre-match

talk on their Queensland opponents prior to the first clash, which the Maroons won 3-1.

Fiji assistant National coach Billy Singh was keen to add the 25-year-old defender to his squad to strengthen it for last Wednesday's return.

"It is against the policy of the Fiji Football Association to field players in the National team who are not registered Fiji players," team manager Jahir Khan said.

Dean, although disappointed, accepted the ruling.

"I would have loved to have played. I would have liked to show the Fijians and the Queenslanders what I could do," Dean said.



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# ILLAWARRA SHOULD HAVE AVOIDED

## CLASH WITH WOLLONGONG WOLVES

THE Illawarra Soccer Association didn't show Wollongong City any charity when they went ahead with their annual Charity Shield match the day the Wolves played Rockdale at Wollongong Showground.

The ISA had built up against Aris in a game to raise money for the Illawarra Society for Crippled Children.

Criticism was levelled at the association for not watching their game to the Saturday or even a week night whilst the weather is still favourable.

There are times when clashes of this kind can't be avoided but in this instance it was really bad co-operation on the part of the ISA.

One gets the feeling the ISA didn't do much to help the Wolves when the club was in the NSL so they can't expect any better treatment now they have dropped back to the State Bank League.

Incidentally, Bulli beat Aris 2-1 and Aris

BY PHIL MURPHY

sent winger Ray Farrell from the field by referee Robert Robertson.

### Eddie Pena back

Fairy Meadow Italia have signed Eddie Pena, who helped Canterbury win promotion for the NSL two years ago.

That season Italia finished second to Canterbury when John Fleming was their coach.

Larry Gaffney is now the boss at Italia and feels Pena will be a great asset to his side when fully match fit.

Pena was signed two days before making his debut in a 2-2 draw against Avala after Avala had led 2-0.

Gaffney said the newcomer showed some nice touches and will be at home in a number of positions for the club.

After looking a real relegation outfit just two weeks before the start of the season Italia have a squad which could easily qualify in the top four.

Centre-backs Paul Meares and Darren Galway, just signed from district club Unanderra, look to be in outstanding form while Paul Kirwan is ready to make a real impact on the second division after a late start to the season.

### Bampton Cup

Lysaght's are developing a giant-killing reputation in the Bampton Cup after knocking out premier league side Corrimal 2-1 in a qualifying round.

Last season, Lysaght's bundled West-Figtree out of the Cup in the upset of the round.

Against Corrimal, Steve Bradley scored both goals in a game Lysaght's just didn't allow their highly rated opponents to get "started."

Club spokesman Bob Newman says Lysaght's are determined to do a lot better in the league this season after signing some new players.

Gary Kearton, who used to play with Fairy Meadow, is back in the game with Lysaght's after a two-year break while Alan Grogan and Alan Sunley have switched from Unanderra.

Chris Brown, a long-serving player with Lysaght's is coach, assisted by Steve Johnson.

### Trophy Disappears

Shellharbour officials were literally left in the dark when they had to call off their \$1000 knockout during the third night.

Sponsored by Allfab, the floodlit games have been a big success but when Portside were leading Port Kembla 3-0 and heading for a major upset the lights went out.

It all came about through a fierce electrical storm which drenched the Barrack Heights Oval and blacked out the whole district for 30 minutes.

In the confusion the trophy disappeared from a table on the half-way line and this caused plenty of concern before it was discovered in the boot of Shellharbour coach Les Sheedy's car.

Shellharbour spokesman Otto Bader said he was relieved to get the trophy back. "We seem to have a coach with a sense of humour but it wasn't funny at the time," Bader said.

### Padewski at Fernhill

Fernhill coach Gerry Walker has made a significant signing in teenager Ian Padewski, who was at St George last season.

The talented midfielder was in the very strong Illawarra representative squad which went four seasons together under coach Ross Warren.

Unfortunately last season they split up in many directions — what a



GERRY WALKER  
Fernhill coach.

shame no-one has never been able to keep such teams together over the years.

Padewski made a very big impression on St George coach Frank Arok but the youngster wanted to play closer to home where he works as a panel beater.

### Owers Enthusiastic

Cringila's new coach, Col Owers, is something of a mystery man but he has quite an impressive Soccer background.

Formerly a detective in the Police Force and now a private investigator with a firm of solicitors, Owers started his senior Soccer with Bankstown in the State League when South Coast United were drawing big crowds to Woonona Oval.

A goalkeeper, he has vivid memories of the great atmosphere created by the spectators at Woonona. "There is nothing to compare with it these days," he said.

Later Owers joined Polonia and helped them win promotion from second division but had to survive two riots on the way.

"We played Canterbury Olympic twice and there was a riot both times," he said. "The promotion decision against them was at Arlington Oval and I finished up climbing a tree to get away from the trouble."

Unable to be involved in Soccer during his days as a detective because of the hours involved on the

job, Owers is enthusiastic about his new role.

The late "Uncle Joe" Vlasis taught Owers a lot about coaching and he hopes to put a lot of what he learned in to practice with Cringila.

He has already taken them to the final of the \$1500 Corrimal Leagues Club knockout where they lost 2-1 after extra time — having missing a penalty and had a player sent off.

Things can only get better for the new man.

### Barina Park danger

New club Portside have already become involved in a "brawl" with Wollongong City Council over their ground at King George Oval.

Portside had to switch their Bampton Cup tie against Ruse from their home ground to Barina Park because they claimed it was dangerous.

There was a large hole in the middle of the playing area and after Portside had complained the Council came along and filled it in.

Official Lube Markovski said it didn't solve the problem. "If a player had put a foot in the soft soil he would still have been injured," Markovski said.

"The council are saying they know when a ground is dangerous and when it isn't and we think this is wrong."

"If that ground is unfit for play in our opinion we won't be letting our players go out there."

## The 'Rocky' Round-Up

BY FRANK COLETTA

COMPLETED earlier this year at the Rockhampton Grammar School was a week-long Soccer camp.

Boys aged 11 to 15 from such far flung parts as Gladstone, Emerald, Bundaberg, Toowoomba, Mackay, Townsville, Maryborough and also Brisbane took part in the residential camp under senior district coach and Queensland Director of Coaching RICHARD EVANS.

In all 68 boys attended to be coached by the likes of Peter Kelly of Mackay, Garry Johnson, Scott Tindall and Glenn Sheppard all of Frenchville.

Sheppard in fact had just passed his ASF Level II coaching course prior to the camp.

For one player in particular the camp had special significance. MARTIN SIMPSON, a 15-year-old goalkeeper from the Gold Coast, was awarded an encouragement scholarship, which will take him to England where he will train with

Southampton.

The Queensland representative will leave in November for his three week stint and claims that he is looking very much forward to the trip and that it will be the highlight of his ten years in Soccer.

### FRENCHVILLE IMPRESSES

FRENCHVILLE Youth team coach Bevan Dingley says that despite early defeats his charges are headed for a big and exciting year.

"Our games against Grange Thistle (Brisbane Youth Champions) and Brisbane Lions (a top four club) were excellent preparation for the season," he says.

"We lost 4-3 and 3-0 respectively, but observing State age coaches George Pagan (U/15) and Bruce McNicol (U/14) were impressed with our standard, and particularly the play of Steven Green at fullback and Brett Newman in the forward line."

### NORBRIDGE PARK READY

NORBRIDGE Park, which some claim to be the home of Rockhampton junior Soccer, reverberated to the sound of nearly a thousand juniors on the weekend.

Amid breathtaking surrounds, young hopefuls from five and upward went at it.

Southside United has taken over the mantle of being the largest junior Soccer club in the city, an honour that was held by

Frenchville for many years.

Some notable changes will be seen this season, not the least being the participation of girls in with the boys especially in the younger age groups.

Girls will be interspersed with the boys in quite a number of age groups and no doubt will raise quite a few eyebrows among followers of the round ball code.

The female participation is not only restricted to the club side of things, they are of course eligible for representative teams.

Another idea being tried for the first time is the dropping of age grouping from the Under/13 and upwards. Instead of playing U/13, U/14 and U/15, the divisions will now be A, B and C.

Players will no longer be restricted by their age, only their ability will be taken into account.

The idea as one would expect has raised quite some controversy.

## NEWCASTLE PLAYERS RECOVERY POSSIBLE

THERE is no doubt that the Newcastle squad needs reinforcements if it is to do better than mid-table along in the NSW State Bank League.

However coach Peter Dewhurst is confident that some players who left the club will return.

As it stands the young brigade even goes down to a 16-year-old, Scott Gresham.

Shades of the days when Newcastle had the organisation and was one of the most feared teams in the National League.

Forwards Dale Rowney and Craig Penfold are working up a useful combination, but injuries to key players are already proving counter-productive at this early stage of the season.

Goalkeeper Craig Grills, signed this year from West Wallsend, has a broken nose as the legacy of a work accident.

John Cavanah is probably Newcastle's most valuable player and is of NSL standard. He needs to rest a damaged ankle if he is to give the game his best.



### BOB MOUNTFORD

THIS FORMER ENGLISH PROFESSIONAL IS ONCE AGAIN A MAINSTAY WITH NEWCASTLE

## AFFILIATION PROBLEMS

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

THE Northern NSW Soccer Federation has asked the Australian Soccer Federation to intervene in the dispute caused by the Northern NSW Amateur Soccer Federation's decision not to affiliate with the Northern NSW Federation this year.

The Northern NSW Amateurs decided at their annual meeting recently to bypass the Northern Soccer Federation and affiliate with the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation — a proposed move that has been de-

clared unconstitutional by the ASF, NSF and more recently, the NSWSEF.

But, because the NSW Amateur Federation has shown continuing interest in accepting the Northern NSW Amateurs, the Northern NSW Soccer Federation Ltd, which has no authority over the NSW Amateurs, has called for an early meeting with the ASF to resolve the impasse.

The decision to involve the ASF resulted from a meeting of executive members of the Northern NSW and NSW Federations in Newcastle on March 21.

On occasions over the past 18 months, the Northern NSW Amateur Federation has refused to accept the authority and responsibilities of the Northern NSW Federation.

One exception however, occurred last year,

when the Amateur Federation sought the authority of the NSF to stop its own affiliates — the Central Coast Association and the Kingscliff club — from defecting to NSW and Queensland respectively.

Now the Amateur Federation wants to do what it had asked the NSF to prevent less than a year ago.

Meanwhile, a group of Northern NSW clubs have failed in their bid to reduce the powers of the Federation's board of directors.

These clubs had called for a special general meeting to press for amendments to 12 of the federation's Articles of Association.

But at the meeting held at the West Wallsend Workers' Club on March 19, only one motion — which had little bearing on the overall aim — succeeded.



## TONY BRENNAN WITH CCAE

A year ago newly-promoted Canberra College of Advanced Education set out to prove it would not be the easybeat of the ACT Soccer first division.

It finished fourth in the league and won a place in the Ampol Cup. Mission accomplished.

Now it faces another task — confounding the critics who are saying that result was a flash in the pan and the college will struggle this time.

And to prove it is serious, CCAE has landed its biggest signing — former Canberra Arrows and Inter Monaro winger Tony Brennan.

Brennan, one of the most exciting players seen in the ACT, was the subject of intensive negotiations with NSW State Bank League club Blacktown City, which held his contract.

The addition of Brennan to the college squad should leave no-one in any doubt the club intends to be a competitive force this season. "We'll be playing him in behind the front line," coach Paul Davidson said.

"At this level he has great vision and puts some delightful balls through to the forwards."

"He's also a great character and his presence in the side has lifted everyone."

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CCAЕ has also re-signed midfielder Fabio DiPrinzio, a leading player in its Canberra League championship days who missed last season while at university in Western Australia, and full back Mick Alessoski from Narrabundah.

Also pressing for a first team place is Paul Turner, an early graduate from the Australian Institute of Sport who coached Monaro's NSL Youth League team last season.

"Paul still needs to lose a little weight, but he is a genuine utility player and as such should be valuable," Davidson said.

Losses include ACT representative frontman Ross Panbianco who has decided to try a season of State League Soccer with Monaro, full back Barry Webb and midfielder Tim Brow, who have both left the area, and sweeper Mark Lloyd, with Concordia-Canberra.

Davidson said his eventual aim was to see every Soccer player at the college turn out for the team.

"At present there is Colin Johnstone, who is contracted to Belconnen United and Emile Maric, with Croatia Deakin, at the College. We've obviously lost them, but



AUGUSTO PALACIOS  
... happy with imports.



TONY BRENNAN

there is now no reason why future staff and students shouldn't make us their first choice. We are going to show we can match anyone in the league."

## GONZALES AND SUAREZ SETTLE DOWN AFTER BOMB SCARE

BY GRAHAM COOKE

IF Sixto Gonzales and Alexis Suarez are as skilful at dodging opponents on the Soccer field as they have had to be in getting to Australia in the first place, they will be a major asset to Canberra City Griffins this season.

The pair of Peruvian B internationals finally arrived in Canberra recently a day late after surmounting the last difficulty — a bomb scare which delays their flight and cost them a connection in Los Angeles.

They had spent the last few days before this packed had ready to leave at a moment's notice

while last-minute complications with passports, visas and playing clearances were sorted out.

On top of that they were under pressure from their Peruvian club, Santa Marina Norte, of Callao, to turn out in the end of season play-offs for promotion to the first division — they didn't for fear of injury and the team was eliminated.

Griffins' player-coach Augusto Palacios, who recommended them to the club, wasted no time in putting the players through their paces.

Gonzales, 23, a striker or midfielder, played half a match for the Griffins in their 1-1 draw with Melita Eagles just three days after he reached Australia.

## AS LOOK THE PART IN CANBERRA GAMES

AUSTRALIAN Institute of Sport head coach Ron Smith has pronounced himself satisfied with his team's first venture into senior Soccer in Canberra.

Just over 600 people were at Bruce Stadium to see the AIS beat Springvale 3-0 as part of a season-long series of matches against teams from the Victorian State League.

Smith had several thousand tickets printed and distributed free among the Canberra community, but believes that word-of-mouth will be the best advertisement for further games.

And certainly those who were there could have little to complain about as the AIS turned out a performance of quality.

The AIS has now played three unbeaten games in the series and on this form looks set to extend that record.

It seemed as though a mixture of good fortune and stubborn defence would carry Springvale through the first half, but with only seconds to go before the interval full-back George Bannan lost the ball to Jason Polak who took it on past goalkeeper Dennis Boland to score with an angled flick into the net.

If the AIS expected this to signal the end of Springvale's resistance it was disappointed. The Victorians soaked up almost constant second-half pressure until the 84th minute when Paul Foster dived full length to head his first goal of the season.

Four minutes later Alistair Edwards finally got some reward for a frustrating night when he found the gap between two defenders to hammer the ball home.

In Polak it had the man

of the match. The blond Queenslander was formidable in his attacking midfield role, with the Springvale defence in a panic almost every time he took the ball forward.

If Polak was the best player on the pitch Edwards was the unluckiest, his late goal being only partial compensation for the numerous scoring chances which eluded him.

And a good part of that was due to goalkeeper Boland who displayed skills which showed just why he once played in the NSL for Footscray.

## CAPITAL COVER



GRAHAM COOKE  
REPORTS FROM  
THE ACT

## SOME STIRRING IN THE WEST

FROM RON BEALE

URBANE Soccer Federation of Western Australia (Inc.) president Joe Lacerenza could be reluctant to move on the Western Australian State Government's revamping plan for the code here.

The state has wasted its time almost in the lowest level of Australian Soccer, due to isolation.

No place has ever been made available to Western Australia in the National League, and this year the promotion-relegation system excludes WA clubs.

In any case the money isn't there. The WAFL (Australian Rules) raised \$13 000 000 to establish their VFL club and big money would be needed by a Soccer club to enter.

If the National Soccer League was based on a licensing system and the future could be guaranteed then there will be big Perth businessmen who could assume an interest.

From Perth the main centres of Asia are relatively close at hand and so companies could get Asian exposure for their businesses if teams are strong enough.

The Government has said it will make

\$5 000 000 available for a well-located ground, and Perth tycoons would match the figure.

With that sort of money involved there would have to be a business approach to the management and WA would be the first state to license out clubs and push all the small clubs into local leagues, leaving professionals and semi-professionals to play for the type of interests who have built VFL into the premier code.

I understand that the Australian Soccer authorities are inclined to support Joe Lacerenza and this state in turn has supported the present ASF executives.

For years the best players have gone from here to Adelaide, so what an improvement it would be for them if they could get NSL standard pay in their own home city, where housing is so good and easy come by.

Under the new scheme promotion and development would be treated in the professional manner that is seen in the VFL.

What I would not like to see happen is that the SFWA takes months to approve the scheme, but leaves it too late to get the value that is staring them in the face.

## LIONS ARE STILL ROARING

BRISBANE Lions may be out of the National League, but they certainly aren't remaining idle. The club, which has always been one of the most financial in Queensland, has channelled more than \$30,000 into landscaping its Pine Road, Richlands Stadium.

## WHITE EAGLES EARN RISE

Local League team, Launceston White Eagles, has won their promotion battle with last year's State League North wooden-spooners, Western Suburbs, to win a place in this year's premier competition. They won both games in the home-and-away series quite convincingly, 3-1 and 5-1.

Launceston United have commenced a redevelopment of their complex so that a further two grounds can be included — hopefully it will be completed in readiness for next year's Boags-Hudson Cup competition, hosted by the Blues.

Launceston Juventus' Ernie Guest will leave and join Western Australian club Floreat Athens. His brother, Colin, who played with him in the same team last year, will however return, and hopefully be included in Juve's line-up for their first league match against Burnie.

Improvements include garden boxes, sleeper walls and more than 1000 square metres of paving. The pavers cover the carpark and the new beer booth area and skirt the field on two sides.

The club also is undertaking \$100,000 worth of club extensions which will include new dressing rooms, a new canteen and a Queensland-style open air beer garden. And on top of that, the club is set to announce a new long-term sponsor soon.



BRUSASCO SENIOR

QUEENSLAND Sportswear Company Sabre continues to set trends and produced a dazzling new state team

strip for last week's matches against Fiji. The Caloundra-based company produced the first Australian made jersey with horizontal pin-striping.

But the eye-catching new maroon outfits left the QSF in a slightly embarrassing position. The Queensland strips are predominantly white with maroon pin-stripes, which the referee ruled was too close to the Fijian outfit of black pants and white shirts.

As the QSF had given last year's all maroon jerseys to the players who beat NSW 1-0, there was not a change strip available. QSF officials had to ask the visitors to wear their second strip of all blue.

THE 6-4 vote last week by Queensland rugby league officials against the proposed move into the Sydney competition could have had something to do with a recent speech by Queensland Soccer Federation president Aid. Ian Brusasco.

Brusasco addressed a gathering of league identities at the Brothers Club and was asked to give his views on the benefits and pitfalls of a national football competition.

Although he agreed there were many benefits in the concept, he also highlighted some of the problems that could be faced by the clubs left behind in the local competition.

## QUEENSLAND LATEST



MARK BRUSASCO  
scorer

THERE were smiles all around in the official enclosure at last week's match between Queensland and Fiji at Perry Park. Mark Brusasco, the son of QSF president Ian Brusasco, scored

two goals on his state debut while Mark Gilbert, the son of QSF assistant secretary, Jim Gilbert, gained his first state cap when he came on as a second half substitute for Alan Niven.



# RIVERINA BRANCH REPORT

It is my privilege to present my first report as Honorary Secretary of the Riverina Branch.

The Riverina Branch Executive for 1986 were:

President: Mr. Dick Powell  
 Senior Vice President: Mr. Gary Hancock  
 Junior Vice President: Mr. Wal Bracher  
 Secretary: Mr. Ron Cotterill  
 Treasurer: Mr. Fred Morse  
 Publicity Officer: Mr. Frank Finlay  
 Life Members: Mr. Tony Ratcliffe, Mr. Bob Maundrell.

## Branch Championships

This year the Branch Championships were run over two weekends as in previous years. The Associations are finally following all the rules as this year was the best for administration problems. The Branch's congratulations must once more be extended to Gary Hancock for organizing and running the Championships and congratulations to all Associations in spirit in which the Championships were run.

## State Championships

This year is the first year that the Branch has had Branch Team Coaches. They were:

Under 12, Mr. Frank Feltracco from Griffith  
 Under 13, Mr. John Lal from Griffith  
 Under 14, Mr. Jack Belardo from Griffith  
 Under 15, Mr. Carlos Lopez from Griffith  
 Under 16, Mr. Carlos Villani from Albury

With the Under 11 being represented by Wagga Wagga.

Under 11's were Country Champions.

Under 14's defeated one Sydney side and drew with Western.

Under 15's were Country Champions runners-up  
 Under 16's finished third in the State Championships defeating one Sydney side and drawing one-off with another Sydney side and also finished Country Champions runners-up.

## The Riverina Cup

Now in the eighth year the Competition is open to all clubs in the Riverina. This year nine all age teams and five under 16 teams entered the competition organized by Fred Morse. The competition was enjoyed by the teams who participated. It was disappointing that some teams pulled out at the last minute. Let's hope that things will go better in 1987 with more teams participating.

	All Age	Under 16
Winners	Lavington S.C.	Hanwood S.C.
Runners Up	Yogoah S.C.	Albury Hotspurs SC

Lavington and Yogoah participated in the Amateur Cup with Yogoah making it into the quarter finals against Kirrawee S.C. (who ended up winning the Amateur Cup).

## Northern Riverina Soccer League

The Northern Riverina Soccer League continued to be a great success. There was a Sponsor for the League Competition this year and the league was known as the northern Riverina Stegbar Soccer League with nineteen teams in the All-age and six teams in the Under 17 competition. The Branch would like to thank and congratulate all those who organized the League this year particularly Mr. Ray Verdon. Mr. Barry Sadlier was elected as Chairman for the 1987 season.



RON COTTERILL... Riverina official.

## Champion of Champions

Griffith, Wagga Wagga and South West Slopes entered the competition with Lake Albert Under 13's (Wagga Wagga) making it to the third round. Hanwood Under 16's (Griffith) are in the semi-finals. Yogoah Under 17's (Griffith) are also in the semi-finals. Best of luck to these teams.

## Coaching Scheme

The Coaching Scheme which started this year was very successful with all Associations using David Ahearn to do coaching courses for coaches. We have asked David to come and select players for the Country N.S.W. Reps from the Riverina to go for selection trials in Sydney. Some Associations have already asked for David for 1987 courses. The Branch would like to thank Alan Vest for the co-ordination at State level and a special thank you to David Ahearn for the time and work with the coaches in the Riverina, also another big thank you to Fred Morse for co-ordinating the Coaching Scheme in the Riverina.

## Country N.S.W. Representative Teams

This year Riverina held trials to select players in March for the first time. We had 119 players turn up for selection in under 13, under 14, under 15 and under 16 age groups. Riverina had five under 13, five under 14, seven under 15 and eight under 16 players selected in the Country N.S.W. Rep Team which visited Brisbane and Newcastle. All players enjoyed the experience playing these games and the special training received during the trip and camp held at Parklea. The Riverina are holding selection trials in October 1986 for the 1987 season with David Ahearn's help. Riverina would like to give a special thank you to Lindsay Cosgrove for co-ordinating the Country N.S.W. team and to all the coaches and managers.

RON COTTERILL  
 Hon. Secretary

CARLO Villani, the 42 year old French born Albury coach, is well respected throughout the Riverina and the Border district for his successes as a junior and as a representative coach.



CARLO VILLANI

In 1983 his U/13 Lavington team won the AWSA Cup. His team was also the winners of the 2AY 'Best team effort' prize.

He was named as the AWSA best representative team coach and scored a 'Grand Slam' — the dream of many coaches.

He treats his boys as professionals. Carlo is stubborn and adamant and is a good guide when it comes to Soccer.

He took up a big challenge this year when he accepted appointment as senior coach of the Albury City Soccer Club.

I could not help wondering how a Greek club took on a French-born man, who can claim to be Italian and who speaks Italian.

But 'bon veine', Carlo, with your club.

— FRANK FINLAY

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And should disclose the applicant's age, coaching qualifications and previous coaching history.  
 Closing date Tues April 7

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- ★ COACH WANTED UNDER 16s

## NSW Youth League

### ROUND 4

#### SATURDAY 4th APRIL GROUP A

Gladesville	v	Marconi	Pioneer Park
Syd. Olympic	v	Sydney City	Pratten Park
Blacktown City	v	Sthn. Districts	Gabbie Stadi.
Can/Marrick	v	APIA	Arlington Oval
Illawarra	v	St George	Towradgi Park
Melita	v	Ku-ring-gai	Melita Stadi.
Central Coast	v	Nepean	Bill Plum Mem.

#### GROUP B

Uruguay/Aub.	v	Sutherland	Mona Park
Macarthur	v	Bankstown	Ponderosa Park
Rockdale	v	Manly	Tempe Res.
Nth. Bankstown	v	Canterbury	Knight Park
Avala	v	Blacktown	Jensen Park
Croatia	v	Yugal	Chopin Park
Polonia	v	C/town City	

### ROUND 3

		U13	U14	U15	U16
Marconi	v	Nepean	4-1	0-1	4-0
Gladesville	v	Sydney Olympic	1-4	0-0	0-12
Sydney City	v	Blacktown City	1-4	0-3	2-1
Sthn Districts	v	APIA	1-2	2-2	1-0
St George	v	Can/Marrick	2-0	2-1	5-0
Melita	v	Illawarra	4-1	1-1	4-0
Ku-ring-gai	v	Central Coast	1-1	2-0	2-2

#### GROUP B

Sutherland	v	Polonia	5-2	1-2	0-2
Macarthur	v	Uruguay/Aub	3-0	1-1	1-2
Bankstown	v	Manly	2-1	1-0	4-2
Nth Bankstown	v	Rockdale	3-0	0-3	0-1
Avala	v	Canterbury	1-13	1-4	3-0
Blacktown	v	Croatia	1-0	0-4	2-2
C/town City	v	Yugal	3-2	2-2	2-1

## NORTHERN RIVERS SOCCER CLINICS

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 Mr. Arnis Sandmann, Level 3 coach  
 Mr. Gordon Bryant, Level 2 coach  
 Mr. Terry Woods, Level 1 coach, lecturer, Sports Science, NRCAE.

Mr. Terry Greedy, Australian Goalkeeper  
 Mr. Craig Foster, Australian U/16 Representative  
 Sports Science Students, NRCAE.

Instruction and coaching sessions will be held daily from 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. and some evening sessions.

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Mr. A. Sandmann, phone (066) 21 2438  
 Mr. T. Woods, phone (066) 23 0657



# FIJI AND NEW ZEALAND ON THE SCHOOLS' MENU

THE 1987 year started well for Schools Soccer with the successful tour of New Zealand by the Australian Schoolboys side and ambitious plans are already underway for the next 18 months.

The National Schools titles will be held in Perth this year from September 28-October 2.

All states will partici-



BY CHRIS JAMES

pate and it appears the

Northern Territory Schools side will play for the first time.

The championships last year at Parklea drew praise from well-known Soccer people for its organisation and this year's titles will no doubt maintain this standard.

The NSW side for these titles will be chosen at the NSW CHS titles to be held at Marconi from June 23-25.

At the completion of the National titles an Australian Schoolboy squad will be selected to tour Fiji in December and to play New Zealand in Australia.

This squad may also participate in an ambitious International Bi-centennial Schools tournament which is being planned for 1988.

The Australian Schools Soccer Federa-



tion continues to receive advice and assistance from the Australian Soccer Federation and has recently secured sponsorship deals with Australian Airlines and Mitre, which are proving invaluable.

Further major sponsorship is received from the Commonwealth Bank to support the national titles.

The NSW Soccer Federation through Eric Arneil and Alan Vest have also supported Schools Soccer.

All this, with the Commonwealth Bank Cup, Bill Turner Cup, NSW Girls titles, and in internationals promise to make it a bumper year for schools Soccer.

# CONNELL BYRNE IS BACK TO WHERE HE LIKES IT BEST

HE's built like a light-heavy weight wrestler or perhaps a rugby league hooker, which of course he was a few years ago and he's back right where he was in 1979.

BY BILL TURNER

further his education in the United States and enrolled at the California State University in Los Angeles in 1980.

He graduated in 1982 with a masters degree in Sports Psychology and Motor Learning.

While at Cal State he played a little Soccer, a little American football and a fair swag of rugby union.

His main contribution however was in Soccer, where he was chosen as the University Assistant Coach.

In addition he accepted the position of Director of Coaching for "Action Youth America" which saw him head up the numerous summer camps conducted by that progressive body.

Connell returned to Australia in 1983 but did not settle into permanent teaching.

He did casual teaching all that year and in 1984 joined the staff at Moriah College Bellevue Hill.

He returned to the Education Department in 1985, being appointed to East Hills High right alongside the CHS convenor Greg McNaught.

He was back into

coaching immediately and when Greg, because of family reasons, stood down as CHS convenor, Connell stepped up to the position he held back in 1979.

At the moment 34 year-old Connell is not packing down in the weekend scrums but does enjoy his weekly run of touch football.

There are rumours that a Patrick League club is after his services and he may decide to branch out into this new sphere of coaching.

Connell and his family, wife Leone and children Natalie (5) and Nicola (18 months) have settled in a new suburb of Sydney and establishing their new house has very high priority at the moment.

At the present time work on the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup is top of the list in Connell's administrative projects.

In addition he hopes to be able to get the NSW CHS side to Perth for the ASSF championships in September/October this year.

It is really great to have Connell back in the schools Soccer scene again. Welcome back!

## OAK TURNER CUP

# RECORD TOPPLES ON SOUTH COAST

ONCE again under the leadership of Garry Kemp, there is

BY BILL TURNER



BILL TURNER, making a presentation.

new record entry of schools in the "Bill Turner Cup" for 1987.

Even Garry was surprised when no less than twenty-seven entry forms landed on his desk at Corrimal High.

Last year Warrawong was the South Coast champion side and there is a strong feeling that

they will be a powerful combination again this season.

Two games in this year's first round attracted considerable attention. They are Berkeley and Holy Spirit College and Wollongong versus Edmund Rice College.

Wollongong is making a reappearance into the

competition along with Figtree. On the basis of results in the past it would be natural to expect the famous Keira Boys High side to be up there at the end.

Woomona and Corrimal are also schools with great Soccer traditions and both have previously travelled to Macquarie Field, Speers Point for the final four series.

## MAKEDONIKOS-ALEXANDER, NSW FEDERATION DIV. 4



# AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT



NAME: Alan Riddell No.13  
AGE: 16  
D.O.B: 19/5/70  
HEIGHT: 181cm  
WEIGHT: 73kg  
POSITION: Striker  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Canning Corinthians, East Fremantle Tricolore W.A.  
STATE: U/14 to U/16  
AGE GROUPS REPRESENTED: —  
AUSTRALIA U/16 REP: —  
AUSTRALIA YOUTH REP: —  
OCCUPATION: Student  
OTHER: W.A. State League

Alan is one of the new lads at the AIS who has his sights set on the 1989 youth squad. Alan is a tenacious player who likes playing in the back four, preferably at left back. A young player who has already played in State League Soccer in Perth.



NAME: Paul Welch No.12  
AGE: 17  
D.O.B: 31/1/70  
HEIGHT: 182cm  
WEIGHT: 78kg  
POSITION: Striker  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Prospect Utd, Blacktown City N.S.W.  
STATE: Youth  
AGE GROUPS REPRESENTED: —  
AUSTRALIA U/16 REP: —  
AUSTRALIA YOUTH REP: —  
OCCUPATION: Student  
OTHER: —

Paul's powerful runs and aggression make him a difficult opponent. A young player with good potential for the 1989 youth squad. Paul likes to play as a central striker and has scored several goals for the AIS in pre-season matches.



# BACK CHAT

with  
**Frank Coletta**



LAST WEEK I claimed that Sydney Croatia supporters should not be too concerned by their loss in the Ansett Challenge Shield to their Melbourne cousins. Well, on the score of Sydney's 6-1 battering of the same opponents on Sunday there might have been some substance to that claim!

The Sydney boys were the much better proposition in the Challenge and only benefitted from the unlucky 1-0 defeat.

Without much fear of contradiction, if Sydney Croatia don't go awfully close to carrying off the spoils in this year's West End National League, then I'm a pretty poor judge — but to make that sort of prediction, you don't have to be a scholar either. . . .

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THE hoped-for return of ZARKO ODZAKOV to the Socceroo squad would not be before time.

Over the past month and a half I've been privileged to view the skillful Sydney Croatia midfielder often and his form has been second to none.

He and Manis Lamond have been in rare touch so far, and those finicky flicks and tricks are a delight to behold.

Just ask young Tony Lemezzina about Lamond. He was nutmegged and turned inside out in the one move by the Papua New Guinea-born flyer the previous week and he did it again on Sunday.

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CURIOS how a bit of advertising is recognised by our commercial TV stations, isn't it?

All of a sudden the new and improved National League under the West End banner is getting some sort of coverage by the channels. ATN Seven even went to the usually unheard of lengths of using a Soccer story on their nightly news.

Yes, they reported the claimed 'blue' brewing between JOHN KOSMINA and MARSHALL SOPER at Sydney Olympic and they continued it on the popular weekend show SPORTSWORLD.

Credit where it's due I guess, they are trying, with special thanks to sometime Soccer player JON HARKER.

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OUR beloved SBS WILL always be the Soccer station and for mine THE sport station. With programmes like World Soccer, Match of the Day and Sport Report, hosted by Lee Murray and ex ASW scribbler ANDREW ALPHABET PASCHALIDIS, who could argue?

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AS for those avid followers of the English FA Cup, you'd have noticed by now that we haven't and won't be getting any coverage of the popular ROAD TO WEMBLEY programme.

A quick ring-around the stations by yours truly and it was found out that most didn't know whether it was still running in Britain and to be honest, neither do I!

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NOWADAYS a lot of people involved in our wonderful game of Soccer are calling for increased payments for referees. Fair enough, I guess.

But before anyone makes up their minds for or against, have a listen to the news just out of Brazil.

A couple of weeks ago two referees earned in excess of \$20,000 each for refereeing Cup quarter-finals!

And remember our National League whistlers earn \$140 a match, a pretty healthy difference and no matter what anyone says to me, there is no way Brazilian referees can be worth \$19,860 more than an Aussie one.

That is crazy!

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I WONDER if any of our readers remember IVOKE EVANS?

Well, he is that little Fijian midfielder from the World Youth Qualifiers at St George Stadium a couple of years back — he with skill and flair to burn and a temper to match.

Well by all reports he was in fine form for Fiji against Queensland and actually scored his side's only goal in the 3-1 defeat.

It would be interesting to see if any of the National League coaches are still interested in signing him and attempting to harness all that raw ability into something really productive.

I doubt that it will happen, though. In any case he would need Immigration Department approval to stay here.

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Next week's WNSL round picks:

APIA LEICHHARDT and their Italian-backed counterparts ADELAIDE CITY will clash at Lambert Park and a lot will depend on whether Hilton Phillips starts the game or not. If he doesn't the South Australian boys might just sneak a win.

SOUTH MELBOURNE should take a point away from their visit to PRESTON, SYDNEY CITY will find it tough down in SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS land but will take both points.

SYDNEY CROATIA will relish the challenge at St George Stadium and beat SYDNEY OLYMPIC; their MELBOURNE Croatian counterparts will do it hard against the rampant BRUNSWICK JUVENIUS but clashes between these two tend to be all fire and brimstone and more often than not end in a draw which I lean towards here.

MARCONI will overcome last weekend's disappointment and take out ST GEORGE at Marconi Stadium and finally FOOTSCRAY should just get the better of HEIDELBERG UNITED at the Olympic Village.

## KAMASZ ROBS TV OPPONENTS

A beautifully orchestrated goal by national league executive director Stefan Kamasz finished by the Daily Telegraph's Trevor Robb gave the print media team a 3-2 win over their much-fancied electronic counterparts at the St. George Stadium last Friday night.

In the words of match referee Doug Rennie: "It was a truly excellent match, played in good spirits and really entertaining."

The print boys went ahead after just seven minutes when the Sydney Morning Herald's Ray Gatt stole in behind a bemused defence and nicked the ball away from 'keeper Gary Thornthwaite of SBS before expertly putting it into the net.

In the words of Alex Vesic of Soccer Action: "I've never seen a goal take so long to be scored. Ray had the ball and it must have taken him 15 minutes to put it in."

Cool finishing — that's what it was — says 'Gatty'.

But, the TV and Radio boys didn't lie down and why should they have when they lined up with 'ring-ins' of the calibre of Atti Abonyi, Adrian Alston and Dez Marton in their forward line!

The equaliser came a few minutes before half-time when 2SM's Steve Quinn shot in from an angle leaving ex-ASW scribbler Andy Paschalidis stranded.

But spurred on from behind by the Sunday Tele's Eddie Thomson and ASW's Alan Vest in the middle the print boys were ruthless in their pursuit of victory.

They hit the lead when Terry Hurley latched onto a headed

cross from Frank Campbell and volleyed viciously into the net.

The Electronic boys began to seek a desperate reply with Abonyi, Alston and Marton pulling out all stops, it did come but by virtue of a dubious goal.

A long ball was played out of defence and it seemed for all money that both Abonyi and Quinn were off-side, with Thomson and company appealing in vain the latter slid the ball in to level the scores.

So the winner was sought. Kamasz let fly with a 20 metre drive that crashed against the post with Mike Hill beaten; Alston fired a shot just past the post; Mike Cockerill missed a golden opportunity from five metres and Frank Coletta beat Owen Martin, Jason Dasey and Tim Jardine in a solo run before being ruthlessly hacked down from behind by the latter when in a scoring position.

Despite the appeals of the print boys no penalty was awarded! Tim was as shocked as everyone else: "Shirt (or a word to that effect), if that wasn't a penalty, I don't know what is!"

But the just desserts came with just over 10 minutes left when Kamasz took off on a spirited run down to the by-line and sent over an inch-perfect cross that the Daily Telegraph's burly Trevor Robb rose

to nod in, a goal worthy of winning any encounter.

PRINT MEDIA: Paschalidis (SBS), Dobbin (Telegraph), Kamasz (NSL Monthly), Robb (Telegraph), Cockerill (Syd. Morning Herald), Thomson (Telegraph), Vest (Aust. Soccer Weekly), Coletta (Aust. Soccer Weekly), Hurley (Alston's mate), Campbell (Vest's mate), Gatt

(Syd. Morning Herald), Ted Simmons (Aust. Assoc. Press), Tito Pozo (Spanish Herald), ELECTRONIC: Thornthwaite (SBS), Hill (SBS), Jardine (SBS), Mikolajczyk (Ring-in), Dasey (SBS), Harker (ATN Seven), Murray (SBS), Murphy (SBS), Wilkins (ABC), Gale (SBS), Martin (Channel TEN), McKinnon (ATN Seven), Alston (Definite Ring-in), Abonyi (Absolute Ring-in), Marton (What a Ring-in).

### ENGLAND

EVERTON have significantly closed the gap on Merseyside neighbours and rivals Liverpool after a shock loss by the Anfield boys on Saturday night.

Little Wimbledon recorded their biggest win in a decade when they went to Anfield and scored a stunning 2-1 win.

Their win allowed Everton, 1-0 winners at Arsenal, to significantly close the gap and with two games in hand the Blues look likely winners. They are Liverpool's only danger.

Wimbledon went ahead after 36 minutes when Nigel Winterburn beat Bruce Grobelaar with a perfectly struck shot from 25 metres.

Kenny Dalglish then replied four minutes into the second half with a vintage piece of Dalglish play.

30 metres out from goal he picked up a loose ball, spotted Wimbledon keeper Dave Beasant off his line and curled a shot high into the corner of the net.

But Liverpool were playing without any conviction and Wimbledon scored a stunning winner in the 79th minute when substitute Alan Cork directed a powerful header past Grobelaar.

Arsenal, long-time pacesetters were unable to match Everton in any facet of the game despite some class from Charlie Nicholas, and so continued their slide down the table.

## APIA YOUTH LEAGUE



The above club requires Under 14 players urgently.

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☎ 799 4458 (B)

or

Vince Aiello on

☎ 288 8233 (B)

## MAN. UNITED SUPPORTERS

WORLD famous football team, Manchester United is to become the first English club to establish an official branch of their supporters club here in Australasia for fans of the world-famous team.

Announcing the formation of the associate branch of Manchester United, Supporters Club president, Mike Bowden, an expatriot Mancunian said today: "We have just received a reply from Sir Matt Busby, president of Manchester United FC who has accepted our invitation to become president of our Australian branch."

In accepting the position, Sir Matt said: "I am honoured to accept the position of your Supporters Club president."

"I trust you will have a very successful time and send my very good wishes to all your members," added the legendary footballing figure.

Mike Bowden has organised and successfully run Manchester United Supporters Clubs around the world

since 1964, and assisted by Carol and Steve Metter, who are resident in Melbourne, has started the Australasian Supporters Club in January 1987, but waited for Sir Matt's acceptance before inviting membership.

- The aims are: to provide regular information, news, video tapes, etc of United's matches, both home and away;
- to provide local information in the form of a regular monthly newsletter;
- to assist with a coaching programme geared for young players, in order to enhance and improve the game in Australasia;
- to organise group travel tours at discount prices incorporating United's matches to the UK and Europe, and to assist with match ticket arrangements for members visiting the UK;
- to organise exchanges with other Supporters Club branches throughout the world;
- and to provide, as de-

mand and membership grows, regular meeting venues locally at the various branches around Australia.

Basic membership costs \$10 per annum with a signing-on fee of \$5.

Concluded Mike: "We will also make team information match programmes, posters, score cards, a pictorial history of the Club as well as scarves, shirts, and other official Manchester United souvenirs from the UK."

For further information, please write to the Secretary at P.O. Box 423, Doncaster 3108, VICTORIA for membership forms, enclosing a self addressed stamped envelope.

## NO POMMIE BASHING

B. DUNDAI is a sick man. His pommie bashing attitude does MORE harm to the game, as if we haven't got enough strife to contend with. As a coach himself,

does he pick poms in his teams? Or does his racist hatred take over.

He says "our coaching set up in the last 10 years or so has also been vastly improved and this can easily be testified by the fact that many hundreds of coaching candidates have pilgriaged into the ASF courses."

How correct he is. But wasn't all this achieved by pommie instructors and coaches?

I always had plenty of time for Johnny Warren as a player, and a nice bloke, but let's face facts. As soon as John got his coaching badge, he packed up the hard graft of coaching on the park and all the headaches, ulcers etc that come with the job, for a nice easy and lucrative job behind the scenes.

It doesn't matter what certificates you hold or how many, if you are not using them on the paddock, they are useless bits of paper in your pocket.

I don't know Ron Smith



## WOMEN'S SOCCER SCENE



AUSTRALIA is in danger of going into its first women's World Soccer Cup campaign with hardly any knowledge of the opposition, national Coach Fred Robins warned.

"While we are strong in our own Oceania region, I really have no idea how we rate against the top European sides," he said during an Australian Institute of Sport training camp for the national squad. "I have never seen one in action."

"It seems that the only way we will get that

BY GRAHAM COOKE



JULIE MURRAY — ACT's International

knowledge is to tour overseas. I would like Australia to accept an invitation to attend a four-nations tournament in England in July."

Other options are a return visit to the world women's invitation tournament in Taiwan later in the year, or the possibility of a pre-world cup competition in Hong Kong. In the longer term, a tour of India is being negotiated for 1988.

An additional complication is the World Cup itself. While FIFA, the international football federation, has committed itself in principle to a competition, the date has been consistently put back — originally this year, then next, now "1988-89".

When it does eventually enter will almost certainly be by invitation, which means that Australia must continue to put itself forward for international competition in order to be recognised.

### Traumatic

Robins said the squad has not completely recovered from the traumas of 12 months ago when five NSW members withdrew on the eve of the Oceania Cup tournament in New Zealand.

The five were subsequently suspended from international competition.

"Losing five good players in one go leaves a hole," he said. "But we have brought in some youngsters who are gradually repairing the damage."

His Australian team did what was expected of them with a 2-0 win over an Invitation XI at Bruce Stadium at the end of the camp.

A goalless first half gave the Invitation side, which included ACT players Laura Fisher and Katrina Alexander, some hope, but the Australian pressure was converted into goals soon after the interval.

With just two minutes

gone a corner from the right found Moysa Dodd who turned her marker before slipping the ball along the ground and out of reach of goalkeeper Kaye O'Sullivan.

Six minutes later a long pass from Sharon Mateljan found Rene Iserief with room to work in.

The big Northern NSW striker showed just why she is Australia's leading scorer by taking the ball on and choosing her spot before blasting it



SUE BUSWELL

into the top corner of the net from 30 metres.

The Invitation's XI's best chance came shortly afterwards when a free kick from Sharon Dewar thudded against the crossbar with fullback Sue Buswell happy to boot the loose ball away for a corner.

The ACT's only Australian representative, Julie Murray, had a lively game up front and came close to what would have been a popular home town goal when she shot over in the closing minutes.



FRED ROBINS — headaches.

This address is:  
Velyar Tsokov  
Chatalja 32  
1504-Sofia, Bulgaria

I have received a letter (part copy enclosed) from a Bulgarian friend asking if I could put the name and address of her son-in-law in a Soccer magazine with the purpose of him being able to exchange badges.

Could you help me with this request?

Thanking you for any trouble this may cause.

Dr S.R. Wilson  
34 Jacka Cres,  
Campbell ACT 2601

## JUNIOR EXCELLENCE

I read with interest Mr Alan Vest's recent article on "Centres of Excellence" in the Australian Soccer Weekly.

I have an 11 year old son who, without my soliciting, has proven himself to be one of the Newcastle district's most promising young players.

Craig is currently vice-captain of the Newcastle representative team.

Please advise me of what local Newcastle arrangements will be made to facilitate "Centres of Excellence" and Craig's eligibility for attendance.

M.O. SPARROW  
Medowie 2301

(Your letter has been referred on to Mr Vest at Parklea. He will no doubt co-operate as necessary with Mr Ken Kaiser — Ed.)

## ANY TAKERS?

I have applied for an emigration visa to Australia from your Embassy here in Dublin. It will take a while for it to be processed so I'm availing of the opportunity to write to a number of newspapers in Australia to see if there are any vacancies for either a sub-editor or sports journalist.

I have been involved in journalism for the past eleven years covering both news and sports. During that time I have also done sub-editing and lay-out. I was wondering if there were such vacancies in your paper I have also completed a course in Journalism.

Over the years I have been very actively involved in sports playing. Soccer, Gaelic Football, athletics, swimming, golf, squash, racquetball, tennis, table tennis and basketball.

If I'm successful in my application for emigration it will be towards the end of the year before I will be allowed to go.

DATE OF BIRTH: Nov. 27, 1956. HEIGHT: 6'3". WEIGHT: 13 stone.

STATUS: Single.

EDUCATION: St. John Bosco, National School, from 1960 to '69. Franciscan College, Gormanston, Co. Meath, from 1969 to '74. There I took my Intermediate and Leaving Certificates. I also did a year in the College of Journalism, Dublin. WORK: The Leinster Express, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, from 1975 to '81. I graduated to a senior reporter with the paper and learned sub-editing and lay-out there as well.

The Anglo Celt, Church Street, Cavan, Co. Cavan, 1982 to date. Here I have been concentrating on sports reporting and sub-editing.

Michael G. Crynan  
349 Navan Rd,  
Dublin 7, Ireland.



whatsoever. I don't care if he is an Aussie, a pommie or a maffradite (whatever that is), but I do know that after reading his experience history on page 12 of this weeks ASF this fellow has all the qualifications in the world to be head coach at Canberra.

Maybe B. Dundat will have second thoughts. My advice to him would be, forget your hatred for poms.

This great game will never prosper with that kind of garbage. Put Soccer first, there is enough trouble and hatred in the world today.

I must add what a difference to read Adrian Alston's professional and unbiased and fair to both Johnny's and Ron's

qualifications. No sign of racist or pommie bashing here from a man who knows the score himself, having done it all himself.

So all I can say now to Ron Smith is "go to it son, you got the job on your practical merits".

"Come on Aussie. Come on."

John Best,  
Bass Hill. 2197.

## EXCHANGE BADGES

DO you have the possibility to send the address of my son-in-law to a suitable Soccer magazine, because he is collecting badges and would like to exchange football badges.

## NATIONAL PLAYER PROFILES



NAME: Joanne Millman  
STATE ASSOC.: Sth. Gld.  
NUMBER OF INTERNATIONALS: 5  
D.O.B.: 18.8.61  
PLACE OF BIRTH: BRISBANE  
HEIGHT: 162cm  
OCCUPATION: Clerk  
PLAYING POSITION: Defender  
SOCCER HONOURS: Gld rep. since 1979; Aust. rep. since 1983  
SOCCER HIGHLIGHTS: Beating N.Z. in 1986  
MOST ADMIRED PLAYERS: Rose van Bruinessen and Bryan Robson  
MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON ON SOCCER CAREER: Fred Robins  
FAVOURITE FOOD: Fruit  
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Elton John  
OTHER SPORTS INTERESTS AND HONOURS: Golf and tennis  
Named player of tournament in 2nd Oceania Cup for Australia.

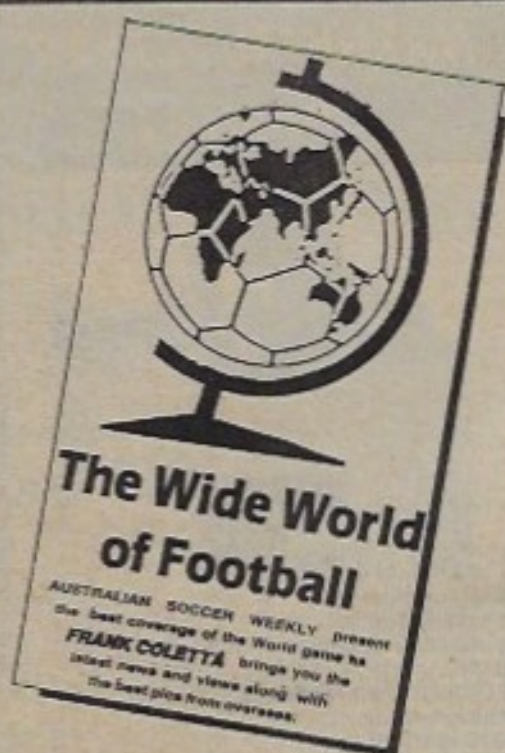


NAME: Renaye Iserief  
STATE ASSOC.: NNSW  
NUMBER OF INTERNATIONALS: 5  
D.O.B.: 6.2.63  
PLACE OF BIRTH: Newcastle  
HEIGHT: 178cm  
OCCUPATION: Clerk  
PLAYING POSITION: Striker  
SOCCER HONOURS: NNSW rep. since 1977; Aust. rep. since 1980  
SOCCER HIGHLIGHTS: Being selected to play for Australia in 1980  
MOST ADMIRED PLAYERS: Sue Monteath  
MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON ON SOCCER CAREER: Parents and Lionel Sneyd  
FAVOURITE FOOD: Anything  
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Anything  
OTHER SPORTS INTERESTS AND HONOURS: District rep. in touch and cricket  
Represented her State since 1977 and played for her district for over 10 years

## WOMEN'S LEADING SCORERS GOALS SCORING IN INTERNATIONAL GAMES

Renaye ISERIEF	12	
Sandra BRETNALL	9	Hat trick v N.Z. 3rd Test, 1983
Sue MONTEATH	7	
Julie PORTER	7	
Leigh WARDELL	6	
Cindy HEYDON	5	
Julie DOLAN	5	
Judy PETTIT	4	All scored v Thailand, 1978
Sharon MATELJAN	3	
Kim LEMBRYK	3	
Sharon WASS	2	
Leanne PRIESTLEY	2	
Kerry MILLMAN	2	
Rose VAN BRUINESSAN	2	
Diana HALL	1	
Leah WRIGHT	1	
Tracey SINGLETON	1	
Helen WATTS	1	
Annea MARTIN	1	
Margaret PETROV	1	





## LIVERPOOL GO FOR BARNES

ENGLISH First Division reigning and likely champions Liverpool are not resting on the laurels of a long and arduous season — they've just taken the first steps towards signing international forward JOHN BARNES from Watford.

A fee believed to be \$2,140,000 has been agreed on for the Jamaican-born 23-year-old.

Barnes was transferred last week but it seems he is more intent on playing in Italy next year rather than in England.

Liverpool's player-manager Kenny Dalglish has had talks with the talented front-runner but he will definitely see the season out with Graham Taylor's club.

Taylor says: "I'm not telling him to run to Liverpool. He has an offer from Watford, he's aware of Liverpool's interest and his contract is up at the end of the season, so I think he'll be waiting to see what options he has available then."

"What he's doing is quite sensible, as he's hoping a continental club will come in for him."

"He likes to think he could play abroad, but he can't until a club comes in for him."

But Barnes is being sought by Fiorentina. The big spending Italians are ready to splash out on the Vicarage Road winger.

President PIERCE-SARE BARETTI originally wanted West Ham's TONY COTTEE as the partner for Argentine ace RAMON DIAZ. But Barnes is now top of his wanted list as Cottee is being chased by INTER MILAN with the imminent departure of West German international KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE.

Everton's TREVOR STEVEN has also been watched by Fiorentina, but now it's Barnes who is their number one target, closely followed by the PSV Eindhoven striker, KOOLHOS.

## LARRY IS NO DILL!

**FORMER North American Soccer League midfielder LARRY DILL has settled down in New Zealand after doing the rounds of the world in Soccer.**

A few years ago the schemer from the Nelson club in New Zealand was waiting for a trial with English club Rotherham United but was then offered a two-year contract in the NASL with the Edmonton Drillers.

Knowing this was a sure thing, Dill went for it.

Going for the sure

thing is how Dill ended up at Nelson from Sydney. He was once again waiting for an offer, with Sydney City as a matter of fact, when he met up with fellow Kanak Ron Cuthbert who had just finished a season with Nelson.

"Ron mentioned Barry Simmonds was coaching at Nelson which interested me because Barry and I were at Fulham together."

"I contacted Barry and he offered me a game. I took up the offer. I went for the sure thing."

Dill spent time at Fulham as an 18-year-

# THE WALSH CAREER AT FLASHPOINT!

PAUL WALSH is nearer than ever to departing the scene at Liverpool.

Goal-starved Walsh is on the verge of asking for a transfer as his fury rages at the reports that the Anfield club are searching for another couple of strikers.

He has said: "The situation is not tolerable. I'm fed up. I'm feeling the forgotten man."

It must be remembered that earlier in the season Walsh asked to be put on the transfer list but decided a couple of months later to come off it after an extended

run in the first team.

But now the goals, which hadn't exactly been flowing previously, have dried up and this lithe striker is buckling under the pressure.

Walsh has scored only once in three months, and although his team contribution is good, his lack of goals could make him surplus to the champions' ground.

Already John Aldridge has signed for Liverpool and John Barnes, Mark Hateley, Mark Hughes and Peter

Beardsley are possible recruits.

For Liverpool may well buy two more strikers in addition to paying \$1.6 million for Aldridge to Oxford.

There seems every chance that he may return south, but interested clubs are waiting for the outcome of a court case involving Walsh.

Until the case is heard, there is unlikely to be any transfer move-

ment.

Walsh has never been a big hit on Merseyside. Despite his neat touches and fancy tricks, he hasn't set Anfield alight with goals.

He did have a spell last season when he was scoring freely and pushing for an England recall.

But then he was hit by a major ankle injury which lasted into the start of this campaign.

Shortly after his comeback he struck a hat-trick in the 6-2 demolition of Norwich on November 1.

Walsh then failed to score in 12 games. And Liverpool struggled through a bleak mid-winter, with just three goals from six matches.

So time is running out for him to prove conclusively to player-manager Kenny Dalglish that he is worth his place in the team.



PAUL WALSH beats Manchester City's Kenny Clements to the ball.

## UPDATE

NAPOLI took a commanding five point lead at the head of the Italian First Division yesterday when they overcame champions Juventus 2-1 at the San Paolo.

The home side took a 1-0 lead after Alessandro Renico drove a free-kick through the hapless Juve keeper Stefano Tassoni from 25 metres.

Juventus produced a spirited fightback in the second stanza though and were pushed forward by the midfield of Leonardo Manfredonia, Massimo Mauro and Michel Platini.

The equaliser came when Mauro worked

beautifully on the edge of the area to send Platini away on the flank, his cross was well met by the strong Aldo Serena and Napoli's keeper Claudio Garella had no chance.

But the 'old lady' had little chance to smile for six minutes later the Neapolitans had the lead once more when Francesco Romano slide in from close range after lead up by Diego Maradona and a miskick a couple of metres from the line by substitute Adriano Carnevale.

Napoli now seems assured of their first ever championship after over

80 years of trying. Their closest rivals — AS Roma were beaten 2-1 by Udinese in Udine after the visitors had gone ahead through Sebastiano Nela. But AFSA-bound striker and former Roma man Francesco Gradini equalised and the win was sewn up by a Borgonovi goal.

Meanwhile the real bad news for Juventus is that Antonio Cabrini will miss the rest of the season with a knee injury and that there is a likelihood, ever so slight, that possibly both Michael Laudrup and Michel Platini might be on their way out.

## STURROCK STRIKES

JUST last week ASW reported on PAUL STURROCK's heart-ache at being dumped from the Scottish national team squad ... well how times change!

After two stirring legs for United in the UEFA Cup, Sturrock is suddenly back in the hunt for a Scotland recall.

Going into the first match the hard-running frontman was on decidedly shaky ground even at his own club, but

following the 1-0 win over Barca in Dundee he was the toast of the town with a whiz of a display out on the flank.

To destroy the renowned defence of the Spanish giants once is quite an accomplishment in itself, but to do it again in Spain a fortnight later was remarkable.

Yes, Sturrock was once again the architect laying the foundations for a brilliant 2-0 win in the cauldron known as the Nou Camp Stadium, as Dundee United cemented a spot in the semi-finals.

## ROBSON PICKS SAME SQUAD

BOBBY ROBSON has made no changes to the England squad for tomorrow night's European Championship qualifier against Northern Ireland in Belfast.

Only injuries would have forced changes from the squad that trounced Spain 4-2 in a friendly earlier this month.

England lead Group 4 with maximum points from two games whilst the Irish have a solitary point from two outings.

Despite the return from injury of regular central defender Mark Wright, young Arsenal star Tony Adams retains his spot following a highly successful debut against Spain.

Meanwhile Billy Bingham continues to defy pleas to bring back for-

mer skipper Sammy McIlroy into the Northern Ireland team despite the disappointing form of his new boys.

McIlroy has been playing in the Swedish First Division since the start of the year on loan from Manchester City and there are several clubs in the English League looking to sign him on a free transfer from Maine Road.

The line-ups are:

ENGLAND: Goalkeepers — Shilton, Woods, Seaman. Defenders — Anderson, Stevens, Sanson, Butler, Adams, Wright, Watson, Mott, Mott, Mott. Forwards — Hoddle, Robson, Walsh, Hodge.

Beardsley, Hateley, Allen, Barnes.

NORTHERN IRELAND:

Goalkeepers — Dunlop, Platt, Fleming. Defenders — Michael, McDonald, McClelland, O'Neill, Donaghy, Worthington, Ramsey, D.Wilson, McCree, McElroy. Forwards — White, Clarke, M. Wilson, Quinn, Sanchez.

ASW's Tip: As a rule most 'experts' decline to tip a loss against Northern Ireland but it seems that they just haven't the panache they had previously in the days of Jennings, McIlroy and Armstrong. England to win by one or two.



LARRY DILL

old. Simmonds was on the staff at Craven Cottage but it didn't work out for the Canadian.

So Dill returned to Canada to play another season for Edmonton, whom he left after three seasons to join the Montreal Manics.

"I had a previous spell in England as a 16-year-old with Sheffield Wednesday when Jack Charlton was manager," he explained.

"Ian Porterfield was coach and captain and he introduced me to Rotherham."

"But that sure thing with the Drillers came along and I went for it."

Now 23, Dill will be in New Zealand until October at the latest when his return air ticket to Vancouver expires.

He hopes on his return that a national league will be formed, something that has been in the air since Canada's solid performance at Mexico's World Cup.





**NEWCASTLE UNITED** are chasing Rangers and Scotland striker **ALLY MCCOIST**, who will cost them around \$600,000.

Ally, Scotland's top striker, had a previous spell on Tyneside with Sunderland, who bought him from St. Johnstone.

Sunderland sold McCoist because they needed a vital cash injection at the time.

Five months later the then Roker Park boss **ALAN DURBAN** tried to buy Ally back, but was turned down flat by **JOCK WALLACE**.

Ally enjoyed his stay in the North-East and despite the Rangers boom this season wouldn't mind having another crack at English defences.

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**RODOLFO RODRIGUES**, Uruguay's highly rated goalkeeper, is available for transfer following the breakdown of contractual negotiations with his Brazilian club Santos. And the transfer fee would be a bargain \$100,000.

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**GHANA** is one of eight nations to be suspended from all competitions by FIFA after failing to pay their annual dues. The World Cup will never be the same again!

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ONLY days before England's 4-2 hiding of Spain, West German boss **FRANZ BECKENBAUER** claimed England would be no-hopers in next year's European Championship Finals in West Germany.

He claimed that England wouldn't even be in the running for a semi-final spot in the tournament, saying: "The winners will be one of four nations, either the USSR, Spain, Italy or my team."

I don't know whether England are no-hopers but certainly they'll be up against stiff opposition and that series should prove to be one of the best ever, let's hope we can see it on TV.

With such likely finalists like the USSR, Italy, Spain, Holland, England, Denmark and Eire and the German hosts it should be a cracker-jack tournament.

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**INTER MILAN** have launched an anti-violence campaign.

Inter have responded to the serious disturbances affecting the game by handing out stickers before each match proclaiming: "Support Inter, we win everything including the fight against violence."



ALLY MCCOIST

**THE Portuguese FA** is considering a review of their regulation that permits clubs to sign Brazilian players without them being considered as foreign imports.

The 16 clubs in the Portuguese First Division have amassed a grand total of 58 Brazilians among them, plus 41 other foreign players to give an average of over six non-Portuguese players per club.

Tailenders **FARENSE** — wait for it — have 15 foreign players on their books.

Quite obviously, the situation will not help the development of the Portuguese national side.

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**ANOTHER Russian Revolution?** 70 years after the Red Revolution Soviet football is set to turn capitalist.

Clubs, Unions and the FA are currently studying proposals to make First Division clubs professional from next season.

Russian football has always operated on an 'amateur' status but, as 'Eko' magazine recently urged: "It is time to officially recognise a reality which has continually been swept under the carpet."

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**VETERAN Denmark** international **MORTEN OLSEN** has had an unusual clause written into his new 12-month contract with FC Cologne.

The 37-year-old star insists he will only operate as a sweeper in the Bundesliga, and not in midfield.

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**RUUD GULLIT** of PSV Eindhoven has signed for AC Milan for a reputed \$8.4 million and he may well be joined by fellow Dutchman **MARCO VAN BASTEN** of Ajax Amsterdam.

**THE OLYMPIC STADIUM** in Rome is to undergo major refurbishment after being closed as the venue for the 1990 World Cup Final.

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**MANCHESTER United** boss **ALEX FERGUSON** has been told by his Old Trafford board to open negotiations for **MARK HUGHES**, the star they sold to Barcelona for more than \$4 million.

Hughes, a bachelor, was sent home to England for a week by his Spanish club's management.

He has been having a bad time and, whenever he plays in Spain, he is greeted with white handkerchiefs on the terraces — the greatest insult on the Iberian peninsula.

He's having awful trouble with the language and unlike Gary Lineker, whose lovely wife Michelle makes sure he goes to his Spanish classes three times a week, Hughes admits he's a lonely man.

But surely the sunshine and \$4,000 a week of Catalonia is better than rain-soaked Manchester and the leeches of the British Inland Revenue — the taxman that is.

**THE memoirs of former FIFA medical committee chairman MIHAIL ANDREJEVIC** have received widespread publicity in Italy.

The 80-year-old says in his autobiography that some members of the 1966 North Korean World Cup side that sensationally beat Italy in England failed a dope test.

But he did not know what to do about it so he kept quiet!

The banned drug, he says, was Ginseng! But it is doubtful that this revelation will ease the memory of the return to Rome for the beaten Italians.

They tried to avoid the crowds by flying back in to Fiumicino at 3am only to find a huge throng who proceeded to pelt their fallen heroes with a never ending barrage of over-ripe tomatoes.

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**FORMER Spurs boss KEITH BURKINSHAW** has walked into a nasty squabble involving his new club Sporting Lisbon of Portugal and the brilliant Mexican **MANUEL NEGRETTE**.

Negrete, one of the stars of the 1986 World Cup, has been out of the side for 10 weeks and has been at odds with the Sporting chairman over his off-the-field behaviour.

Says the Yorkshireman: "He'll go when it suits me. At the moment it suits me to make him stay."

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**CHELSEA** have paid Newport \$150,000 for keeper **ROGER FREESTONE**, the talented youngster who was also being tailed by Spurs.

He has played only 13 League games and the fee will rise to \$320,000 if he makes the grade at Stamford Bridge.



MARK HUGHES

**ALTHOUGH** it was a well-known fact that **MARK DENNIS** was a problem player at Southampton the real reason for his transfer listing was never given, that is until recently.

He is on his way out of The Dell mainly because of a punch-up he had with manager **CHRIS NICHOLL**, who you might remember was a pretty rugged customer on the park at the best of times.

Well Dennis, sent-off 10 times in his career, certainly came off second best in that encounter. Nicholl won the punch-up on points and gave the wildman a huge black eye into the bargain.

Queens Park Rangers are said to be ready to sign him.

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**GEORGE BEST** is to have a testimonial in Belfast during September when an International XI takes on a Great Britain side.

Let's hope George actually turns up for this one.

**ARGENTINE** World Cup hero **JORGE VALDANO**'s misery at missing the rest of the season with Real Madrid with hepatitis has been eased by the offer of a new one-year contract from one of the world's best clubs.

But it means that Real will be without his services for the rest of their European Cup campaign.

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**VFB Stuttgart** goalkeeper **EIKE IMME** took the place of the suspended **HARALD SCHUMACHER** for the friendly played against Israel last week.

Schumacher has been axed over those now infamous drug claims in his new book and his long-term deputy **ULI STEIN** must be kicking himself.

Uli gave himself the red card also, when in Mexico he called national manager **FRANZ BECKENBAUER** "Humpty Dumpty" and the rest of the squad, which made the final: "A bunch of cucumbers."

**VERONA** have signed West German international **THOMAS BERTHOLD** for close to \$2 million from David Mitchell's club Eintracht Frankfurt.

The brilliant and powerful Berthold has been bought as a mid-field replacement for Hans-Peter Briegel, who is now with Sampdoria.

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**CHELSEA's** highly over-rated defender **DOUG ROUGVIE** has refused to join Wigan Athletic on loan whilst Northern Ireland international **STEVE PENNEY** will not play again for his country or Brighton and Hove Albion because of a broken ankle.

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**THE end is in sight for Tottenham Hotspur** veteran goalkeeper **RAY CLEMENCE**.

The 38-year-old Clemence was given the majority of blame for the disappointment of being knocked out of the Littlewoods Cup in the semi-finals against local rivals Arsenal.

Spurs boss David Pleat has made inquiries about Oldham's brilliant young Scottish international **ANDY GORAM**.

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**AFTER** long deliberation the Italian FA have shocked most onlookers by turning down the move to allow three foreign players per club instead of two. It seemed for all money that the move would get approval, but the FA may well have acted wisely as they claimed it was in the interest of nurturing Italian talent that they denied the go ahead.

It certainly has sorted out a few careers though. Ray Wilkins is gone from Italy as is Trevor Francis and Mark Hateley.

Juventus' elaborate plan to have Michel Platini link up with Michael Laudrup and Ian Rush looks set to go out the window, although the clubs are rallying to appeal against the FA's decision. Who knows the next move?

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**FORMER Arsenal** and Ipswich striker **ALAN SUNDERLAND** has been banned for a second time on drink-driving charges.

Sunderland, now playing for Derry in Ireland, was fined \$680 and banned for three years.

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**DON HOWE**, the ex-Arsenal manager, has been offered the vacant job at Southend but is delaying his decision.

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**JOHN ROBERTSON**, ex-Scotland and Notts Forest winger, has signed for Stamford in the United Counties Premier League.

**DANIEL PASSARELLA** is back in his homeland Argentina at the moment cooling his heels over a six week ban from Italian football.

The man who captained his country to the 1978 World Cup win has certainly blotted his copybook in a big way in his adopted Italy.

Whilst turning out for Inter Milan against Genoa — his team went down 3-1 — Passarella lashed out with a boot against a 15-year-old ballboy!

The youngster had earned Passarella's ire because he took too long to recover the ball and received a nasty gash on the shin for his troubles.

The hardman also complained that the boy had given him some lip. After he put the boot in all hell broke loose.

Passarella has since apologised to the boy and his father and on top of being fined by the Italian FA has also been fined \$4,000 by his club, along with a well-deserved fine of nearly two months.

The word is that the Argentine won't find a place in the Inter line-up next season any-how...

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**BRIAN CLOUGH** has extended the loan period of **DAVID CAMPBELL**, the Northern Ireland international, to Notts County "because I want to be a good neighbour."

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**RATHER** than move on to another country **KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE** is contemplating retirement at the end of the current Italian season.

The 31-year-old striker is peturbed by rumours that his club Internazionale will not be needing his services next season and is in the mood to quit rather than leave and find himself a new club.

The West German international has already flatly denied reports that he will sign for Austrian club FC Tirol, and is not interested in speculation that several Spanish clubs are interested in signing him.

Rummenigge insists: "I'm at an age when I would rather not have to learn a new language and, anyway, I have just bought a nice, new house by Lake Como in Italy."

"I think I'd rather retire than uproot my family once more... even for a fortune."

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**BELGIAN** club St. Niklaas found a real-life Santa Claus when a local businessman saved them from bankruptcy and guaranteed players' salaries when he bought the club for \$200,000.

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## NO TAKERS FOR MO

THERE have been no firm offers for Glasgow Celtic 'bad boy' MO JOHNSTON — not just yet anyway.

Of course there have been the usual tame inquiries but no club has put its foot down with a real bid.

Johnston was sensationally slapped on the transfer list after months of wrangling over a contract that would have earned the international striker \$4,000 a week.

But the most controversial name in Scottish football, capped 13 times by his country, may have to move to the Continent to get the sort of money he and his agent are dreaming of.

And there is the added problem that the big English clubs are only too well aware of his love of life in the fast lane.

Says Celtic manager David Hay: "After last weekend I called Mo into my office to ask him for the millionth time if he would be signing a new contract for us."

"Time and again he has been saying in the papers how much he loves Celtic and the fans. We've offered him an extremely attractive contract but he kept on putting it off."

"This time he just said that he wasn't going to sign. And as far as I was concerned, that was the end."

At the back of all the worry for most clubs is the extra burden of the serious assault case that

Johnston will be facing very soon.

It is just another chapter in a chequered career. He was left out of the Scottish squad for the Mexico World Cup Finals last year by Alex Ferguson, despite being the best striker available.

Ferguson refused to take him after the incident here in Australia during the Scotland World Cup match against the Socceroos when he was found at three in the morning with a room full of Antipodean beauties.

This sort of behaviour has ruled out a move to Manchester United. He was all but on his way there when Ron Atkinson was in charge but now Ferguson has the reins and he can forget any Old Trafford destiny.

A truly superb player he is and when he was at Watford he hit the back of the net with monotonous regularity, although he hit the headlines just as often for his private life exploits.

"I enjoyed myself when I was at Watford and went a bit mad with the birds, discos and late nights. But don't run away with the idea that I am the hell raiser that people try to make me out. I've changed since then," said Johnston recently.

## United's Spring — Clean



MANCHESTER UNITED are on the verge of the biggest overhaul of their playing staff since the days of Tommy Docherty and Ron Atkinson.

Manager Alex Ferguson has \$5 million at his disposal but is also keen to clear out any 'deadwood' that is in the club to rake in more transfer money.

As Ferguson paves the way for a massive clear out at Old Trafford, the likes of Peter Davenport, Remi Moses, Chris Turner, Arthur Albiston, Clayton Blackmore, Graeme Hogg, Terry Gibson and Gary Bailey could all be on their way before long.

It's four months since Ferguson took charge of United, but there have been few signs of improvement on the pitch.

The FA Cup Fourth Round defeat by Coventry City was the final straw, leaving United with nothing to play for this season and facing a massive financial loss at the turnstiles.

Ferguson has decided the time has come for drastic action, but before he makes any new signings he wants to reduce the bulging playing squad at Old Trafford.

And that could mean the end of the road for a fair number of United stars.

United captain BRYAN ROBSON has seen it coming for a while now.

He said: "It would not surprise me if the manager launches the biggest clear out of players seen at Old Trafford for a long time."

"He wants us to win so much, and simply can't understand why such a potentially strong squad of players is not putting the results together."

"What bothers him most is that we are more or less the same squad of players who managed a string of ten straight wins at the start of last season."

"Nobody is safe in our line-up and that includes me. We are all terribly disappointed we have blown out of all competitions. Rarely has a Manchester United team ducked out of the trophies so early."

"The boss is not at all happy, and who can blame him."

ABOVE: Manchester United take out the FA Cup Final of 1985 as Norman Whiteside races away after scoring the winner against Everton. BELOW: Peter Davenport, could be on way out.



## HUGHES SACKED BY VENABLES!

MARK HUGHES may well find himself back in Manchester come the end of the season!

That is the startling news from Spain received this week after the talented Welshman was sent home to England by an irate Barcelona manager Terry Venables.

Already, as reported in ASW a couple of weeks ago, Manchester United have put feelers out for Hughes and a move back to Old Trafford is likely if not imminent.

Season 1986-87 has not been a happy one for the former Mancunian hero in Spain, a distinct contrast to his fellow striker from Britain Gary Lineker, who has been in amazing form for both club and country.

Hughes returned to England after being dropped from Barcelona's 1-1 draw with Real Sociedad. His axing is said to be a direct result of the club's shock exit from the UEFA Cup at the hands of Dundee United.

His place in the Barcelona line-up was taken by

formerly out-of-favour Scot Steve Archibald, who despite winning back his spot for the one game, says: "I want a team like Arsenal from England to come along and sign me."

"In fact if they came right now I'd be on my way back, ready, willing and able to help them win the First Division Championship!"

Archibald is angered by reports that he is injury prone and too old. "Forget all those stor-

ies, so I've had a couple of knocks but I'm over them now and I know I can do a good job for some club," he says.

"I'm on a good, solid contract with Barcelona, but reserve team football has been no good for me and I don't want to finish my career in the shadows."

"Even though I'm 30-years-old I haven't lost any of my appetite for the game and I firmly believe that I am a better player now than when Barcelona paid Spurs more than \$2 million for me a few years ago. And I'm ready to prove that in the red and white of Arsenal."



Steve Archibald

**'SAD' HUGHES RACES BACK**